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TOWN TURNS OUT TO PAY ITS RESPECTS



As you can see above, young people were particularly keen to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday in Cowbridge. SEE MORE PICTURES FROM MIKE WILCOCK ON PAGE 4.

Tanya's family 'overwhelmed' by the community's response

THE family of Tanya Floyd, the Cowbridge-born teacher who died tragically last month, say they have been "overwhelmed" by the support they have received from the community.

It was two weeks ago that The GEM reported on Tanya's sudden death – something that had devastated two communities, the schoolchildren and staff at the school where she taught in Caldicot, Monmouthshire, and all her family and many friends in Cowbridge, where she was born and brought up.

Tanya's father, Peter Clinton, said that a just-giving

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

page to raise money for her two favourite charities, the Y Bont children's charity in Bridgend, and Cancer Research Wales, now totalled £6,200, and was still rising.

He said that a number of groups were organising further fundraising events, and was keen to highlight one taking place today (Thursday) in Cowbridge.

Peter said: "I am the caretaker at Cowbridge Community College and everyone there has really pulled together.

"They are holding a charity coffee day, from 10am

to 4pm, and various people associated with the college have donated towards an auction and raffle.

"Peter Cronin, an artist and tutor, has donated a painting, and the local floral arrangement group has donated an arrangement.

"The willow basket-making class has made a donation too, and an anonymous donor sent us two tickets for Laser Quest."

The Vale Motorbike Club, based at Llandow, were planning a charity ride in the future, and a local band, 'The Thang' were putting on a concert in aid of the charities on Saturday, November 14, at the Horse and Groom in Cowbridge. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

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'WE MUST NOT FORGET THEIR BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE...'

THE Remembrance period is one which provides a time for reflection and I have been extremely privileged to attend a number of events over the past couple of weeks which have paid an exemplary tribute to our service men and women.

On Wednesday, at the 11th hour on November 11, we stood united in a two-minute silence to remember our courageous men and women who have served our country, defended our freedoms and kept us safe.

We remembered all those who have fallen and those who have risked their lives to protect us.

Thousands from Wales have fought bravely over hundreds of years, putting their lives on the line, in the cause of fighting tyranny.

We can and should be extremely proud of our military heritage.

The incredible fundraising activities performed by, and in the name of, organisations such as the Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes, support our veterans including those

who have served in contemporary conflicts.

A large proportion of these charities' much-needed funds have been collected in the past few weeks and contribute to the organisation and delivery of deeply moving services which allow us to pay our respects.

A number of impeccable services have been held across the Vale of Glamorgan and have emphasised the crucial role our local communities played in a number of wars.

It is also vital that Remembrance is as relevant today as it was in the aftermath of World War One and Two – to that end we need to ensure the period evolves to include and educate upcoming generations and to safeguard its significance.

We owe each and every member of our Armed Forces and the families who support them a tremendous debt – one that can never be repaid – and I pay huge tribute to their bravery and resolve.

We will remember them.
Andrew RT Davies
AM, *South Wales Central*
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives

'The cabinet system should be abolished'

THE independent panel which sets councillors' pay rates has now proposed that some cabinet members should have their salaries reduced as they do less work, and councillors are resisting this move.

One who didn't have the courage to give his or her name stated that taking a pay cut is a step too far.

They seem to think it's okay to close libraries and put staff out of work and replace them with slave labour volunteers – or pay employees the minimum wage.

Even with a pay cut, the councillors will still receive a very generous salary.

I think the whole cabinet system should be abolished.

D J Radford,
Barry.

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'TAX CREDITS: LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE' SAYS READER

I WAS absolutely dumbfounded to read your item in The GEM on November 2 headlined 'Welfare reforms will create fairer system' – conveying Alun Cairns MP's comments as follows: "Government welfare reforms are designed to create a fairer system, where people are always better off in work than on benefits."

What the Government is proposing to cut is 'in-work' credits – so called, because they exist to make paying for child care, more affordable for people who go to work – by reducing their tax burden to a proportional level.

So, to give an example – if you are a single parent with two children, who works full time, but only earns the minimum wage, there is no way you would be able to pay for the child care that enables you to do that without tax credits.

Someone in that position, under the proposed changes will be in excess of £3,000 a year worse off if they stay in work.

That equates to roughly five to six months rent for such a person. So who's going to fill that gap?

Do you think the local small or medium enterprise (SME) who employs them is just going to give them an instant pay rise to

balance their books? Speaking as a director of an SME, I can tell you, that is not going to happen.

So once these working people can see how they can no longer afford to go to work every day, what option will they have, other than to give up work and go on unemployment benefits instead?

These cuts will force people out of work and into dependency on benefits, not the other way round. And if anyone thinks that the increase in minimum wage will go anywhere near plugging that gap, think again; especially when so many new contracts of employment are on zero hours, a phenomenon which has increased by 19 per cent in the last year, now bringing the total to 750,000 across the UK.

As for his assertion that this is fair; my understanding of 'fairness' is that we are all in some way, sharing the burden. We are hardly 'all in this together,' when so many 'hard working families' in the Vale are going to see their household incomes drop by in excess of £1.4k if these changes go ahead; when in the last 12 months we've seen our UK CEOs average earnings increase by 21 per cent, so they now earn 183 times the national average wage. The biggest gap in earnings since 1860. Fair?

And here's the bigger picture; if every working parent, who makes the calculation that they can no longer afford to pay for

childcare and goes to work, then chooses instead to stay at home and claim unemployment benefits, how will the national economy fare then? We lose the contribution their work makes to the economy; we lose the tax (albeit off set by credits) that they will have been paying; we lose the cost that now needs to be found to pay them to have out-of-work benefits.

On top of all that, we also set up for the future the as yet unmeasurable impact of the children of these families (the next generation) learning from the example of their parents that they are 'better off staying at home'. These proposals are unfair, unreasonable, and counter-productive.

Only this week, the CBI warned that predictions of future economic growth in UK made as recently as June this year, need to be revised down. The factors they have based that news on are global, they do not take into consideration the impact of this bubbling, economic whirlpool opening up in front of our eyes.

I strongly urge you to look at the evidence again, Mr Cairns, and join the many MPs on both sides of the House who know that these reforms need to be scrapped.

This is George Osborne's 'poll tax' moment. You would do well to distance yourself from it.
Graham Loveluck-Edwards,
Rhosee.

'Remembrance Day was extra special this year'

I HAVE just returned home after attending two inspiring Remembrance Day services, one in Llanblethian Church and one in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

Remembrance Day is very important to me, as I grew up through all the war years.

I feel the services this year have been extra special.

The wonderful display of poppies on our lamp standards in Cowbridge and Llanblethian has been truly awe-inspiring, each including the

names of young men who had lived, worked, or had been to school in these areas.

These made the sacrifices they made, on our behalf, all the more relevant to us personally.

I believe these have really touched the hearts of local people, as was seen by the excellent turn-out for the service at the war memorial.

Our grateful thanks to the members of the Cowbridge British Legion who organised such a wonderful display.
Gwen Baty,
Cowbridge.

'Eastern shelter a white elephant'

ALL the new steps around the eastern shelter development in Barry retain water, because of a lip on each step and no drainage holes.

In the winter, when the weather is icy, these steps will be hazardous and, therefore, impassable.

The unattractive water feature is starting to be covered in algae, and when wet, the concrete blocks will be slippery. I have seen children jumping from one block to another. It, too, is an accident waiting to happen.

I have heard that this feature costs £10,000 every time it is serviced – ie sand removed from drainage holes. It is two metres from the beach!

In the olden days,

before the then council allowed the swimming pool to fall into disrepair, the attractive beach huts at the pool were rented out to families for the season.

At £40 per day, I can't see many people renting the garish, plastic ones on Barry Island. The smaller ones, at £20 per day, do not even have a power point.

Visitors to Barry Island cannot hire these beach huts on the spur of the moment, as the person in charge of them isn't allowed to take any money. They have to be hired online.

The whole development was ill-conceived and shoddily executed. The phrase that comes to mind is 'white elephant'.
Diane Mitchell,
Barry.

War museum is a star attraction

AS someone who regularly visits Wales from Coventry, I wanted to write to you and your readers about our favourite place to visit in Wales.

For the last three years, three generations of my family have made the 284-mile round trip to Wales from Coventry (and then back again!) to visit the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station.

After reading positive reviews on TripAdvisor in 2013, I decided to take my 80-year-old mum and dad, plus my 30-year-old daughter on a day trip to the museum and loved it so much, that we now visit several times a year.

The museum also arranges a 'Barry at War Weekend' which we always attend.

This is such a great weekend, full of entertainment and re-enactments and we have

sat on the beach and watched the arranged Red Arrows display.

Next year, there will be four car loads full of family and friends going to the weekend event, as we have praised previous events so highly.

The museum is free to enter and is run by volunteers; it contains all sorts of information about the war, including exhibits and artifacts.

Even though the museum is quite small, there is so much to do and see and the volunteers who work there are just brilliant. They are so enthusiastic about their cause and are always so welcoming and friendly. My Dad loves sharing stories from the war with them and the volunteers are so informative.

We really think that anyone who visits the museum will have a great time and will treasure it, just like we do!
Natalie Jenkinson,
Coventry.

FOULING AT BEACH 'WORSE THAN EVER'

HEAR hear, JJ Hastings (GEM letters) with regard to dog fouling along the sea wall at Gileston beach.

As any of the many walkers, runners, cyclists, fishermen and keen photographers, will know, we are constantly subjected to excessive dog fouling along this beautiful part of the heritage coast, and it is quite simply unacceptable.

Currently, it is worse than ever, and tonight I would guess that I saw in excess of 30 deposits of dog foul. This is disgusting and shameful on the part of dog

owners. If you are walking your dog along this route, you are fully aware of what your animal is doing; you will also know how busy this walkway is all day long and all year round.

Each of you has a responsibility to clean up after your dog. You clearly don't want them fouling in your home or garden, otherwise you wouldn't bother taking them out – so please respect the rest of us and clean up after your dog!

It would also be appreciated if owners kept their dogs under control along the walkway.
(Name and address supplied).

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	06.31	9.7	18.48	9.7
13 Fri	07.05	9.8	19.19	9.6
14 Sat	07.38	9.7	19.53	9.5
15 Sun	08.12	9.6	20.29	9.5
16 Mon	08.51	9.3	21.08	9.2
17 Tues	09.32	9.0	21.53	8.8
18 Wed	10.21	8.6	22.51	8.4
19 Thur	11.25	8.4	23.58	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Students collect prizes from town arts group



A N O T H E R successful exhibition was held at Cowbridge Old Hall, titled Pursuing Excellence, which this year showcased artwork by talented year-12 students at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

It was judged once again by representatives of the Cowbridge Arts Group at their annual prizegiving.

This year's winners were: Callum Howell and James O'Hare, joint first prize, and Millie Van Emden second prize.

Our students were thrilled to receive their cash prizes. Paige Williams also received a Highly Commended.

Staff and visitors to the exhibition at the Old Hall were especially impressed by the outstanding quality of

this year's artwork, so it seems this exhibition's title has proved to be correct.

Mrs Clare Parry, head of art at the school is delighted with the links forged with the arts group. Old Hall adult education and the local community, as it gives students a unique opportunity to exhibit their work outside school.

Unfortunately, our black A5 bound comment book with black ribbon, which contains many years of written commendations from public, staff and past students and, therefore, has great sentimental value, has been mislaid.

If anyone has come across our book, please return it to either Cowbridge Comprehensive School art department, or to the Old Hall. Thank you. CL



TREOES CHAPEL'S £25,000 WINDFALL

SARON Welsh Independent Congregational Chapel in Treoes is to receive £25,000 Welsh Government funding for repairs.

"The chapel is in active use as a place of worship, but wider community use is limited due to the poor condition of the building. The funding will be used to address problems of severe damp and is part of a wider £1.2million funding package from the Welsh Government for historic buildings across Wales," a spokeswoman said.

It was announced by Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ken Skates, who said: "Places of worship have been significant throughout Wales' rich history and were once a very important

part of our cultural life. This is evident from the number of beautiful places of worship in communities all across the country. At the moment, around 10 per cent of listed places of worship are under threat and without support, this figure is likely to rise.

"I am pleased that through this funding, we are able to support the restoration of many of these places of worship and bring them back into their rightful places at the heart of their communities.

"In some cases we are helping them to widen public access and increasing community use, and in others we are breathing new life by looking at alternative future uses, all the while protecting these magnificent and historically important buildings for future generations to enjoy."

Speaker tells of his flight in the Goodyear airship

THE speaker at the November meeting of Ystradowen and District WI was local photographer, Mike Wilcock, who showed a film he had taken of his flight over Cardiff in the Goodyear airship.

He anticipated that this form of travel was going to be very different, and it was!

The three passengers got into a small pod fixed underneath the huge helium-filled balloon and once the ground crew let go of the ropes, they were airborne.

It was very noisy inside the pod, but with ear defenders and looking through perspex windows and misty weather conditions, Mike was able to film aerial shots over Cardiff and the Vale, showing many of the familiar landmarks on this one-hour journey.

Landing was another unforgettable experience, as the same ground crew had to catch the ropes hanging from the airship while the pilot flew low over Cardiff Airport.

The ground crew then had to walk, pulling the airship to a fixed pole so that the nose of the balloon could be secured there via a large hook. With feet firmly back on the ground, Mike returned home to edit the film for a presentation, which all the members thoroughly enjoyed.

The business part of the meeting then followed when arrangements were finalised for the forthcoming trip to the Senedd with a chance to meet Jane Hutt AM. We also talked about the next December meeting, which will be our Christmas evening.

Our president, Jan Foyle, invited all members to "just turn up", as the committee were providing all the entertainment and refreshments for the evening.

Anyone interested in joining the WI in Ystradowen would be most welcome. We meet in the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and you too can "just turn up". We look forward to meeting you. RI

Christmas shopping starts early at WI

ST NICHOLAS Women's Institute president, Fran Mitchell, welcomed several new and prospective members to the November meeting, held in St Nicholas church hall, and introduced the speaker, Mrs Vivienne Wigmore.

She designs her own range of jewellery from bracelets to bridal tiaras, and had brought a selection of attractive items with her as well as some of the gemstones, pearls and crystals used to create them.

Her life-long interest in crafts had led her eventually to jewellery and she showed us some of the ways in which she worked to make these original pieces.

Her talent had been recognised with a feature in Vogue magazine and she had given tutorials on television.

Several members took the opportunity to start their Christmas shopping.

After a break for refreshments the minutes of the last meeting were read and reports given on the various activities enjoyed by members in the last month.

Eight had been to the NFWI's Denman College for a weekend course; six members had a celebratory evening with Culverhouse Cross WI, and five had walked nearly six miles of the Taff Trail, with more than 100 ladies from other groups in the Glamorgan Federation.

Invitations had been received from other WIs in the area to join them for afternoon tea, a carol service and a coffee morning.

With our own dinner and Christmas party to look forward to as well, November and December will be busy months for our members. WL

LIFT GROUP

LIFT self-help group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer, and meets in Cowbridge once a fortnight: either 10am - 1pm for relaxation therapies, or 2pm - 4pm for speakers or trips out.

Come join us, bring a friend for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

Call Anne on 01446 772843, or Judith on 01446 794176, for further information.

Local school to 'Help stop the Block'

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water will celebrate World Toilet Day on November 19 at Llangan Primary School as part of its major campaign to reduce flooding and pollution misery in homes and communities in the Cowbridge area.

The company said 60 per cent of blockages are caused by sewer abuse and that over 110 blockages take place in Cowbridge each year - mostly in

the town centre.

Peripatetic education officer, Mary Watkins, will be leading a "fun, interactive assembly" for the pupils, where they will take part and dress up as characters who are main culprits in blocking our sewers - Freddie Fryup, Clara Cleanalot, Flossie Flushit and Molly Mascara and of course, the star of the show, Mr Poo.

Blocked drains in Wales cost the not-for-profit company £7million a year to rectify.



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Open to boys and girls. 21 November 2015, 2pm at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

The club are introducing an Under 6 squad to play in the newly organised Vale of Glamorgan U6 mini's every other Sunday, and this will become the Under 7 squad for 2016/17.

If your child's 6th birthday falls between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, resides in the Vale of Glamorgan, and is interested in playing football this season, please come along to the session detailed above. The session will last an hour, combining some fun games and small sided matches. ALL children must have shin pads and a drink of water to be able to participate.

Cowbridge Town AFC provide football for over 350 players in the Vale of Glamorgan, and are always looking for volunteers to assist with coaching at all age groups. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please come along on the 21st of November.



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Llancarfan Christmas fair
LLANCARFAN Primary School will hold its Christmas fair at the village hall on December 5 from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Crafts from around the Vale, Father Christmas (and a special guest!) silent auction, school chair etc. Come

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along and find some unusual Christmas gifts! **St Hilary village AGM** COME and support your hardworking committee members at the



Village Hall AGM on Sunday, November 29. Doors open 12 noon, meeting starts at 12.15pm. No bribes needed – but a glass of wine will be provided. To put items on the agenda contact Carolyn Lyons by November 15 on 774890. (This will be a special event as it will be Carolyn's valedictory meeting as chair.)

THE people of Cowbridge, Llanblethian and the surrounding area attended a service of Remembrance at Holy Cross Church and paid a solemn tribute at the town's Cenotaph on Sunday, November 8. As you can see from Mike Wilcock's photographs people of all generations were keen to pay their respects to those who gave sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

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Remembrance service is held in Llanmaes



Poppies are laid in Remembrance

THE Rev Joy Birkin took the Remembrance service at St Cattwg's Church in Llanmaes.

The service was attended by Flt Sgt Kevin Wilkin, representing the RAF; the chair, members and secretary of Llanmaes Community Council (LCC); Karen Higgins and Andy Higgins representing Llanmaes Social Committee, along with regular members of the St Cattwg's congregation.

Tim Fowler, chair of LCC, laid a wreath and members of the congregation laid crosses and poppies at the war graves of two village airmen who died in 1942.

Easter comes early at Llancarfan school



Mrs Enwistle and Mrs Davis teach the pupils to knit.

VELINDRE Cancer Centre works tirelessly with its fundraising projects and this year the pupils of Llancarfan Primary School have decided to offer their help by

learning how to knit!

Every year the pupils buy hand-knitted chicks filled with chocolate eggs at Easter time to help raise funds for the Velindre charity.

This year they invited two Velindre volunteers into school, (Mrs Enwistle and Mrs Davis) to teach them how to

knit the chicks for themselves which they will then sell to help raise funds.

Pupil Daniel said: "Knitting looks hard but once you get the hang of it, it's quite easy and it's all for a really good cause," and Lydia added: "Even if you can't knit, it's good to have a go."

Last year, Velindre sold an amazing 70,000 chicks which means there's an awful lot of knitting to be done in the next few months if they are to match that!

If anyone is able to donate wool or knitting needles to the school to help with our contribution to the 'Chick Knit' we would be very grateful. You can contact us on 01446 781375.

Further information on the Velindre Chick Knit can be found at <http://www.velindrecc.wales.nhs.uk/chick-knit-appeal-1>.

Chris Hughes

CADS' cast can't wait for the curtain up

THE Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) will be donning their best suits, making sure everyone's wearing proper shoes, and double checking the guest list, with their latest production of John Godber's Bouncers, from November 18-21 at the Market Theatre in Cowbridge.

It tells the story of a night out from the point of view of four doormen at a night club. During the play, they switch between roles to show the highs and lows of the British big weekender.

Gethyn Clark, director of *Bouncers*, said: "Bouncers has been a play that has fascinated me for a few years, mainly due to the random character changes and complex lighting and sound required."

"Rehearsals are in full swing, the cast are flourishing and enjoying themselves, and I am really excited about this production."

"Everyone's been working very hard, and I'd like to thank the cast and crew for their time and efforts so far. We can't wait for opening night."

Tickets for *Bouncers* (£7) are available on the door, from WG Davies Newsagents on Cowbridge High Street; 7.30pm curtain up.

Visit www.market-theatre.com.

RAF trainee (20) will lose his job after conviction

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AN RAF trainee engineering technician has been sentenced to a community order for one year for sending sexual messages on the internet to a teenage girl.

Darren Watson, 20, a man with no previous convictions, whose address was given as Ministry of Defence, St Athan, pleaded guilty to three charges of inciting the girl to engage in sexual activity in the case at Cardiff Crown Court.

The community order involves 80 hours unpaid work and Watson was also ordered to register as a sex offender for five years and to pay a criminal court charge of £900.

A restraining order was also made banning him from contacting the girl in any way for three years.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said he met the girl at a wedding.

They continued contacting each other

via Facebook and he asked her to accept him as a friend.

But the conversations became more and more sexual, said Mr Trigg, and she told her friends what was going on.

Her parents were "appalled".

The matter was reported to the police and Watson was arrested in July.

The messages included asking the girl about her sexual experience.

He suggested one or two things and asked: "Are you going to try it later?"

When interviewed by the police, Watson apologised and said he was ashamed.

He also said he had no plans to meet her.

Defence solicitor, Rhodri Chudleigh, said: "He made full admissions at the start, and he didn't go on to meet the girl, who lives in the north-east of England. In the light of his conviction, he will lose his

employment."

Judge Tom Crowther told Watson: "It's plain that the girl was uncomfortable with the situation."

He said Watson had made "a very, very bad mistake".

He added: "The chat became increasingly sexual, but she had the sense

and self-confidence to resist your suggestions."

The judge added: "I believe you are young for your age, and naive."

He said Watson had a promising career, but because of the offences, he would pay a high price.

"I am satisfied your remorse is genuine," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Messiah in Llantrisant

TICKETS are now on sale for Cowbridge Choral Society's performance of Handel's *Messiah* at 7pm on November 28, at Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

The concert is in support of Ty Hafan and the Society are joined by Pontypridd Choral Society. Tickets are available from WG Davies, High Street, Cowbridge; the Leisure Centre, or any choral society members.

New members are always welcome to join Cowbridge Choral Society, and experience is not essential. Rehearsals take place in the United Free Church, Westgate St (opposite the police station) every Thursday at 7.30pm.

Equestrian sale

A TABLE top sale will be held at the village hall in Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, December 5 from 12 noon to 3pm.

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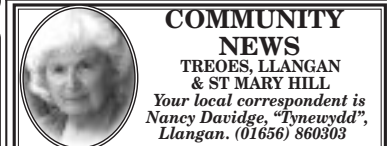
Photographs by IAN DIXON

St Peter's Church held a Remembrance Service on Sunday (November 8) at the church's Memorial Lych Gate.

Villagers from Peterston-super-Ely, some on horseback, gathered for the service, led by Fr Martyn Davies.

Hymns were sung by the junior and senior choirs, and there were readings by local schoolchildren and by members of the congregation.

The poppy wreath was laid by former RAF Serviceman Charles Slatter, while 19-year-old Seb played the Last Post (for the fourth year in succession).



Congratulations!
I congratulate Treoes couple, Jill and Charles Ham on the birth of their first grandchild, Evan Charlie. One wonders if Evan will continue the family musical tradition.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

GO along to Saron on Sunday, November 15 at 3pm and join the service which will be conducted by Rev Shaku Vandi. Everyone will receive a warm welcome!

To continue a festive theme, go along to the Treoes village hall on November 28 between 10am and 12am and enjoy the Christmas fayre. There will be tombola, toys, raffle, books and, of course, the welcome cup of tea or coffee.

On Sunday, December

13 at 3pm, make sure to make a date for the children's family Christmas service. This will be followed by the children's party in the village hall. On Thursday, December 24, a Christmas Eve service will take place in Saron at 6pm. All welcome.

St Canna's

THE service took place at St Canna's Church, Llangan, on Sunday, November 8 was well attended.

I await the Christmas service programme.

Garden visit
YOUNG at Heart Club members enjoyed a visit to a local garden centre on November 5, before proceeding to a popular hostelry for lunch.

Once again, a big thank you from all the members to Anne Ellis, Marje Adams, Jean Thomas and non-club members, for help with the less active!

'Thank you for kindness'

ON Saturday, November 7 outside Costa Coffee in Parc Plaza in Bridgend, I was very unfortunate and fell over a very inconspicuous kerb.

A very kind couple, the lady a district nurse, came to my assistance and helped me up on my feet. The manager of Costa Coffee then appeared with a first aid box and helped me into the coffee shop, (which is where I was heading before my fall) sat me down cleaned my cut and then gave me a cup of coffee and also an ice pad for my bruises.

I thought it would be nice to thank people for their kindness, instead of all the complaints which are always being reported. I would like to say thank you once again for all their kindness.

Elizabeth Jervis, Ystradowen.

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Community has fantastic evening at rugby club's big bonfire night event

Pictures by **ANDY WICKS**
Telephone 07855 374478

THE Llantwit Major RFC Fireworks Night was postponed on November 5 – due to poor weather in the lead-up – and went ahead a day later on November 6.

It proved a fantastic community evening as these pictures by local photographer Andy Wicks demonstrate.



Pupils are all set for Children in Need Day!

PETERSTON SUPER ELY Primary School is planning an amazing Children In Need Day tomorrow, Friday, November 13.

For a donation, everyone (including the teachers) is dressing up as their hero, a superhero, or as a princess!

There are many other fun fundraising activities planned too.

Teacher Victoria Andrew explained: "During our

'Champions of Change Launch Assembly', year-6 gave examples of their heroes – the swimming coach, Mum, a teacher, as well as naming lots of superheroes from films and comics.

"It's really useful to build their understanding of BBC Children in Need, so that they understand how every pound they raise will impact those less fortunate than themselves."



Public's response overwhelms family



TANYA AND HER THREE SONS.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Events were also being planned for next year, as people were determined to remember Tanya.

Peter said: "Tanya's husband Mark, and his brother Paul, together with my sons Paul and John, are all starting training for a 10K run and obstacle course event in March.

Peter paid tribute to Tanya and Mark's three sons Josef, Elis and Finley, saying that they had been so strong since the tragedy.

He said: "They are so proud of their mother, because Tanya talked to them about her belief in organ donation, and

they understood and supported it.

"Now, Mark has been told that at least five people have been helped after Tanya's death, and the boys have that sense of pride to hold onto."

• In the two weeks since *The GEM* reported on this tragic event, the online response has been unprecedented.

More than 6,000 have visited *The GEM's* website to read the story.

The just-giving website, www.justgiving.com/teams/TanyaFloyd is still open for donations.

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CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE CROWNED COLLEGE OF YEAR

CARDIFF and Vale College has been crowned College of the Year at the prestigious Insider Business and Education Partnership Awards.

The college also won a people development award for its work with Grwp Gwalia. Judges said the training for Grwp Gwalia's staff that the college provides shows a "good linkage between objectives and strategy".

CAVC's commercial business development team, principal and chief executive Mike James and chair of governors Geraint Evans represented the college at the

event, which brought together universities and colleges from across Wales alongside global businesses.

The award recognises the work Cardiff and Vale College puts in to foster long-term partnerships with its partners and employers such as Grwp Gwalia. The college engages with thousands of employers and other partners each year to ensure it offers the training and education that will suit their needs, filling skill gaps and producing more employable students.

The Insider judges noted that CAVC has expanded its commercial team, gained business

revenue and opened a "stunning" new city centre campus while working with nearly 2,000 employers in 2015.

Mike James said: "The college is really proud to accept this award. Collaboration with industry is extremely important for the further education sector – both employers and colleges benefit from it."

"The college's staff really understands that and goes that extra mile to perform at an outstanding level. This award is testament to all of their hard work serving the Cardiff and Vale region's businesses and communities."

Christmas support for the elderly

CHRISTMAS and New Year is a time for celebration and for getting together with family and friends. But, for some people, it can be a difficult time.

Research by Age UK in 2014 found that nearly a quarter of elderly people in Britain don't look forward to Christmas because of loneliness.

That's why Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale and Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) have been working together to improve Christmas provision in the Vale, especially in Llantwit Major and Barry.

A wide range of

partners, including Wiltshire Farm Foods, have come together to put on social activities, some of which will be on Christmas day itself.

A spokesman said: "We are also working to promote any voluntary and community group services which are open throughout Christmas and New Year, so that people who need support, for example older people or people with mental health issues, know where they can go and who they can talk to."

"If you run a community group and would like to let GVS know what you are doing over Christmas and New Year, please get in touch with us by calling 01446 741706 or e-mailing enquiries@gvs.wales."

THIS Christmas, Scouts in the Vale will be bringing festive cheer by offering to deliver your Christmas cards at a reduced price.

Residents can send their cards for just 25p in an impressive and well co-ordinated operation, with volunteers and parents pitching in to sort, while Scouts head out in their hundreds to deliver.

In operation for more than 30 years, Cardiff and Vale (CATVOG) Scout Post started with just two groups and now covers most of the city and the surrounding Vale.

Paul Willicombe, chairman and co-ordinator said: "It's no surprise that it snowballed so rapidly. When it came to community, Scouts are always the first to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in."

"It's probably the biggest Scout post project in the country."

"We sort and deliver between 650,000 and 700,000 cards every year, saving the community money in the process and raising valuable funds for the groups involved".

In fact, the scheme raises over £130,000 a year for the participating groups and areas.

He added: "Stamps are now on sale through a number of outlets and directly from the groups. We'd like those using the service to include the full address and post code to ensure the card can be sorted quickly. Please note this service is for Christmas cards only and cannot be used for business or commercial mail drops."

The last posting date is Monday, December 7, 2015. For a full list of outlets and further information, visit www.catvog.org/scoutpost or find us on [facebook.com/cardiffandvalescoutpost](https://www.facebook.com/cardiffandvalescoutpost).

Glenbrook Inn in fundraiser for Macmillan

GLENBROOK INN and the Barry and District Scooter Club are holding a fundraising event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event is the 'First Mod and Ska Christmas Party' on December 5 at the Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins, Road, Barry, at 7pm.

Items to be auctioned include a Cardiff Blues top signed by all the players (donated by Neil and Jo Owens) and a Lee Selby signed t-shirt, donated by IBF world featherweight champion; raffle prizes: meals out and drinks at Casa Paco, Cwm Ciddy, Cherry Orchard, Colcot Arms;

hairdresser donations; Cutting Image, Lauren Anderson; tickets to Penarth Rocks and tickets to 2Rude (ska tribute band); wine and chocolates from Tesco and Morrisons; Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band, John Adams, X-Factor; also spiritual readings by Emma Blake Jones and Rhian Godwin.

The event also features The Riff Band and DJ Paul Ska Bridges.

Tickets are available from Karl Webb 07746 514 901 or at Karl Webb's Facebook; tickets £1 a strip.

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Remembering the fallen AND THE VETERANS WHO SERVE TODAY

OVER the past week, we have all been aware of and engaged with events, services and acts of Remembrance across the Vale, to commemorate the contribution of veterans and our serving Armed Forces.

The culmination for me was the moment of silence on November 11 at 11am at the Senedd in Cardiff.

In the evening, an exhibition was launched at the Senedd of photographs and memorabilia provided by Assembly Members whose relatives were involved in the First World War.

I was able to provide photographs of my grandfather, Arthur Cyril Hutt, who was a ship's engineer in the Royal Navy at the Battle of Jutland – spending much of his time in a submarine in those terrifying times.

When not in battle, my grandfather was involved in keeping the troops engaged and encouraged by a range of activities including rowing, other sports and entertainment, with photos of his handwritten lists of the teams and their successes.

Last Friday, pupils from schools in Barry came to Barry Cemetery to take part in an act of Remembrance led by Father Ben Andrews.

I joined the Town Mayor, Coun Emma Pritchard, in placing our wreaths alongside the Royal British Legion and Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The placing of the wooden crosses by the children of Barry was very moving on that wet and windy morning.

A Remembrance concert at All Saints' Church on Saturday night given by the

distinguished choral group, Amici, was uplifting with Faure's Requiem beautifully sung and the church organist, James Bull, accompanying the choir magnificently.

Many more events took place and on Sunday, wreaths were placed on cenotaphs across the Vale, with a blessed rain-free period for crowds to gather and take part. A Remembrance ceremony took place on November 11 for example, at the memorial stone in St Athan Boys' Village with the support of Jack Hardman.

The Welsh Government is committed to supporting Armed Forces personnel and veterans and a statement by the Minister for Public Services last week updated Assembly Members on our review of the package of support we provide.

Of course, this support crosses ministerial portfolios of health, social services, education and housing and our partnerships with the Royal British Legion and others who can help.

The Minister reminded Members that eligible serving members of the Armed Forces and ex-Service personnel and their families can benefit from the council tax reduction scheme and departments across the Government can give advice and support to veterans and their organisations.

The Welsh NHS has a vital role to play in providing support for health needs and that is why the Welsh Government has invested £650,000 in improving access to psychological therapies.

A National Action Plan has also been commissioned to enable health boards to ensure that there is a consistent provision of 'talking therapies' for everyone – including veterans.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by **Jane Hutt**
AM (Minister for Finance)

Indeed, our veterans NHS Wales service is the only one of its kind in the UK and over 1,000 veterans have been referred to this service.

We have also supported the Homebuy scheme to cover widows and widowers of military personnel killed in action.

I know that the news of a veteran hearing fund to be announced later this month has been welcomed by constituents – providing £10 million over five years to enable veterans to access support for hearing loss.

The Welsh Government is fully involved in the development of the fund and will ensure that veterans living in Wales have access to it.

A referral pathway for serving personnel for secondary health care is also being developed.

Since it was started last August, 87 people have been referred to the service.

In Wales, we are also promoting the defence privilege card, which has seen an increase of 61 per cent in those using the card following a joint publicity campaign with the MoD.

Other initiatives announced last week include support for children with the launch of the supporting service children in education Cymru and business support advice from our business start-up programme, for people leaving the Armed Forces who want to start in business.

There were many more key features of our support for veterans in the statement made by the Public Services Minister, Leighton Andrews AM. You can listen to his statement 'Delivering for our Armed Forces and their families' by selecting this item on Senedd tv at the following link:

www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Archive/0297783f-c4f1-4d22-8e6e-caf74526227d?autostart=True

The Welsh Government will be launching a refreshed support package so that Armed Forces and veterans can access and receive the support and services they so rightly deserve.

Council puts winter gritters on standby

THE Vale Council is gearing up for winter and has its fleet of gritters and spreaders already on standby.

The council's winter maintenance service operates from October to April to ensure that the main routes across the Vale region are kept clear.

There are 638 miles or 1,020km of adopted highways in the Vale and over 43 per cent of these are pre salted when there is ice or snow forecast.

The winter maintenance pages on the council's website

have a lot of useful information which residents will hopefully find helpful during the colder winter months.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible and leisure services said: "Snow may seem a distant prospect at the moment but we take seriously our responsibility to keep the public safe during the winter months."

"The best way we can do this is to let Vale residents know that our winter maintenance team is prepared for the onset of winter and how they can find useful information about our plans."

Vale four bidding to enter the dragon in Miss World contest



PICTURED (left to right): Tonicha Harlow, Paige Gershenson, Lauren England and Taylor Barrington.

THE four young women currently selected to represent the Vale of Glamorgan at the Miss Wales 2016 final have been announced.

Team Vale of Glamorgan consists of: Taylor Barrington, a 20-year-old, nightclub employee from St Athan; Paige Gershenson, a 20-year-old student from Barry; Lauren England, a 20-year-old hair stylist and singer from Cowbridge and Tonicha Harlowe, a 17-year-old retail assistant from Wenvoe.

The four girls are all in with chance of being crowned Miss Vale of Glamorgan 2016 and also Miss Wales 2016 at the Miss Wales final in April next year.

The three-day final involves an 'empowerment day' with the UK's leading youth life-coach; a charity ball and a catwalk show.

In the run up to the final, the young women will be tasked with fundraising for the Miss World charity Beauty With A Purpose, which helps disadvantaged children worldwide. They will also be given a series of challenges to help them develop in confidence.

Paula Abbandonato, from Cardiff events and PR company Vibe, is the organiser of Miss Wales.

She said: "Every year we have an amazing line up of young women come together at Miss Wales. The girls who make up Team Vale of Glamorgan for 2015 are all bright, ambitious and energetic young people. I hope they have the best of times with us and enjoy the Miss Wales experience which is committed to empowering young women, raising money for good causes and giving girls the opportunity to

make friends and have fun all through the glamour of pageantry."

Every year the winner of Miss Wales gets a host of prizes and represents Wales at the prestigious Miss World final. In recent years, the Miss Wales competition has raised more than £500,000 for charity.

The current Miss Wales is 22-year-old Emma Jenkins, a TV researcher and presenter from Llanelli. She will be flying to China in November to spend four weeks at the Miss World 2015 competition. The reigning Miss World is Rolene Strauss from South Africa.

The last Miss Wales to win Miss World was Helen Morgan, from Barry, in 1974. Sophie Moulds, from Ferndale in Rhondda Cynon Taff, came second in 2012.

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Stagecoach students at Her Majesty's Theatre. YOUNG performers from Stagecoach Theatre Arts will take to the stage in London's West End on December 13 to perform at a charity gala at the famous Phoenix Theatre.

Stagecoach Principal Helene Reynolds said: "We are delighted to have been chosen to perform at this prestigious event in aid of Bullies Out and Macmillan Cancer Support".

The students aged 11-18 have previously performed at Her Majesty's Theatre and the Shaftesbury Theatre.

They are currently rehearsing with choreographer Jaye Lord and vocal coach Dave Winterbottom their West End piece from the musical 'Ghost'.

For more information visit www.stagecoach.co.uk.

MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir will perform at Wick Village Hall on Friday, December 4 at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5), from Sue Evans on 01656 890217 or Wick village shop, include mulled wine and a mince pie.

Careworker Simon lines up top award



Phil Batchelor, Simon James, and Kate Batchelor.

LOCAL caregiver Simon James has been nominated for a national award for his outstanding services to the home care sector.

He already won the regional heat of the competition and is one of only five finalists in the running for at-home care company Home Instead Senior Care's national 'Caregiver of the Year' award.

Simon joined the team more than a year ago and was put forward for the award by owners of Home Instead

Cardiff, Phil and Kate Batchelor. Phil stated: "To say that Simon is one in a million is an understatement. The impact he has had on his clients and the lives of their families is remarkable. He is reliable, punctual, hardworking and kind with a fabulous sense of humour."

"Simon is a special gentleman, for whom nothing is ever too much trouble. He consistently works beyond the call of duty to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of his clients. He without a doubt enriches their lives daily."

SIXTY VELINDRE TREKKERS GEAR UP FOR PATAGONIA

OVER 60 trekkers will soon be setting off to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre, as part of official 150th anniversary celebrations of Welsh settlers arriving in South America, when they embark on a gruelling six-day trek in Patagonia.

The highlight of the trek on November 24 as the trekkers join a special anniversary walk with the Rifleros up Craig Goch, to the point from which Cwm Hyfryd was first seen by their Welsh ancestors.

Almost 150 years ago, 162 men, women and children sailed on the *Mimosa* for a new life in South America. Despite many hardships, more settlers arrived in Patagonia and the Welsh language is still spoken and eisteddfodau are held each year.

The are two treks taking place: the

first on November 17 will be led by Shane Williams, and the second on November 22, led by Velindre patrons Rhod Gilbert and James Dean Bradfield.

Rhod said: "It's taken me the last 12 months to get over climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for Velindre, and that was a fantastic experience, so I'm really looking forward to this next adventure."

"I've been a proud patron of Velindre for just over a year, and as someone who has been fascinated by our Patagonia heritage, this trek has enormous appeal; it's a great chance to raise funds for a cause that means a lot to me, and also a rare opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors exactly 150 years on."

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Saunders Lewis plaque to be unveiled in Penarth

A PLAQUE is being unveiled next week at the house where Saunders Lewis lived in Penarth – to mark the 30th anniversary of his death.

The event is being arranged by the local Plaid Cymru branch and the Plaid Cymru History Society, with the support of the current house owner, who has lived there since Mr Lewis died and who has

preserved some of the furniture in his old study. The commemorative blue plaque will be unveiled by Dafydd Wigley at a ceremony at the house in Westbourne Road at 2pm on November 19.

Lord Wigley, a former MP and Assembly member who was a bearer at Mr Lewis's funeral, will also give a lecture on Mr Lewis's life and legacy in the evening at Evenlode Primary School, Penarth.

Mr Lewis was present at the meeting in Bedwas Place, Penarth, in 1924 which led to the formation of Plaid Cymru the following year. He was a founder member of the party and its president.

As well as being a political activist, he is generally recognised as one of Wales' leading literary figures of the 20th century. He was a dramatist, poet, historian and literary critic.

His 1962 lecture, *Tynged yr Iaith* (The Fate of The Language), led to the formation of the Welsh Language Society. He is buried in St Augustine's churchyard, Penarth.

Guests at the unveiling ceremony will include Bethan Jenkins, the party's Assembly spokesperson on heritage



Dafydd Wigley.

and the Welsh language. Dafydd Trystan Davies, Plaid Assembly candidate for Cardiff South and Penarth, and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church.

Everyone is welcome at the evening event, which takes place between 7pm and 9.30pm. Admission is £10 to include light refreshments.

For further details, contact Rowland Davies on 07769 195025.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dinas Powys RNLI event

THE Dinas Powys branch of the RNLI is holding a tribute to the life of Matt Monro by international vocal artist Peter Snipp, on November 22 from 3pm to 5pm, at the parish hall.

Tickets £10, which includes tea/coffee and cake are available from the committee, the parish hall or on 02920 513515. RNLI Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Saturday, November 14 from 10am to 11am at Cowbridge Town Hall, High Street. No appointment is necessary.

Beware false lottery scam!

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's Trading Standards and South Wales Police are warning residents that fraudsters are operating a fake competition under the name of the Australian lottery.

Officers have recently met locals who have been sending payments by cheque and cash in envelopes directly to Australia, believing the lottery to be genuine. Others have reported receiving cash winnings, which makes the lottery seem more plausible.

What residents don't know is that by continuing to participate in the lottery, you will eventually be told that you have the winning numbers, but you'll be asked to send large payments to release the funds.

Coun Charles Smith, cabinet member with responsibility for legal and regulatory services, said: "It is important for people to know that the genuine Australian lottery can only be played by residents of that country, and no one else. Some local people have lost upwards of £25,000 in the belief that they have the winning ticket. The fraudsters keep coming

back for more money until there is nothing left, and they'll then lose contact with you completely. The only way we can tackle these scams is if they are reported to us."

Inspector Robert Lewis, from South Wales Police, added: "Whether you've sent pennies or thousands of pounds to these lotteries, we need to know. If you visit a relative or friend and notice they have received official looking letters from Australia, it could be your chance to discuss this particular type of scam."

"Some may feel

embarrassed or ashamed at having sent money to a fraudulent competition, but by telling us about your experience, we can investigate, support and help you as well as others. Thousands of people in the UK are fooled into thinking this Australian lottery is genuine, but we know it to be fake, so we urge our residents not to ignore this advice."

If you or someone you know wishes to discuss scams with Trading Standards, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 (for a service in the

Welsh language call 03454 04 05 05) or email tradingstandards@bridgend.gov.uk. Scams can also be reported to South Wales Police via the 101 non-emergency number.

A regional regulatory service covering Bridgend County Borough, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan has been established to run services including trading standards, environmental health and licensing, and can be contacted either by calling 01656 643643 or by emailing talktous@bridgend.gov.uk.

'Working class Tories have themselves to blame'

READER

IT was the final sacrifice of heroes in World War II, which brought half the British people to vote Labour in 1945, to create a finer nation of much higher moral principles, such as the welfare state.

It is the complete rejection of those principles by their grandchildren today, when they preferred to vote Conservative, to revert to the gross injustice of deliberate

poverty for the lower classes as in the 1930s.

One might blame all the millionaire Tory supporters, but they do not have the power.

Tory victory has been caused by the malice of working class Tories, who deeply resent any benefits paid to their neighbour, and who now suddenly feel surprised and aggrieved that the party which they voted for, had always intended to impoverish them as well. When will they ever learn?

CN Westerman, Brynna.

RAISING THE ROOF TO UPGRADE CONSERVATORIES

Once the preserve of the wealthy who wanted to cultivate exotic species of flora, today it's estimated that around one in five UK homes have a conservatory.

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However, some homeowners found that the full glare of the sun in summer and chilly temperatures in winter made older conservatories uncomfortable, with the only solution being a costly rebuild.

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Festive fun with 'The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion'

LOOKING for a Christmas show with a twist this year? National Theatre Wales has teamed up with Super Furry Animals frontman Gruff Rhys to create *The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion*, a festive event that is pitched somewhere between a theatre show and a live music gig, inspired by Gruff's seminal album *Candylion* and performed in Cardiff's SWALEC Stadium.

Aberdare-born Tim Price has written the show, which will feature a mix of new songs and old favourites, all written by Gruff. And there's a cracking cast of actor/musicians, including Gruff himself, Sweet Baboo, Lisa Jen Brown (lead singer of 9Bach), Remy Beasley, Matthew

Bulgo, Dyfan Dwyfor, Natasha Lewis, Dyfrig Morris, Kliph Scurlock and Emma Daman Thomas.

Audiences aged from four to 104 will be invited to meet a host of characters including Caruin, Cheffyl, Meringutan, Sledgehog, Pale Droid and all the inhabitants of Pixel Valley, where there's a whiff of revolution in the air...

This is an opportunity to see some of the best writing, singing and acting talent Wales has to offer in a unique production by the country's English language national theatre company, performed in the heart of the capital.

The Insatiable, Inflatable Candylion will be performed at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff, from December 16 to January 2.

To book your tickets, call 029 2037 1689, or visit nationaltheatrewales.org.

A LOCAL BREWERY LANDS GOLD MEDAL!

IT'S been a long road for the Great Welsh Beer and Cider Festival, with a change of venue and date.

At one stage, it looked like it might not happen, but thousands of people made their way to The Depot in Cardiff to sample over 120 beers and 60 ciders and perries from all over Wales and the rest of the UK.

There was also an impressive selection of local award winning food stalls and a great atmosphere.

Vale of Glamorgan Brewery, who last year were category winners with their Dark Matter, went one better by taking the Gold Medal which



Phil Newbould and Dave Walbeoff with their gold medal-winning beer.

was unanimously voted the 'champion beer' of the festival by independent judges.

It was set up in 2005 by Dave Walbeoff, but was sold on earlier this year to a new team led by Phil Newbould, formerly

of The Pilot in Penarth. The new owners also include friend and colleague Joe Roach and the Knife and Fork Food pub company's directors Sean Murphy and Serge Luceau.

Marie Curie 'remembers'

IT'S time once again for the annual 'Marie Curie Lights to Remember' event at the hospice in Penarth on Thursday, December 3 at 6pm.

This gives an opportunity to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one and then join the switching on of the Christmas lights, a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

There is also entertainment from Caryl Parry Jones and Cor Caerdydd.

"This is an outside event, so please dress appropriately and ready for the cold weather," a spokeswoman urged.

If anyone would like to dedicate a light and attend on the night, contact Georgina Burke, community fundraiser for the Cardiff and Vale

hospice on 02920 426 068, or email Georgina.Burke@mariecurie.org.uk.

"As in previous years, we would be very grateful for any donations of red wine to help us make our mulled wine. Please could you bring any donated bottles along to the fundraising office at the Hospice in Bridgeman Road, Penarth before the event. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity," the spokeswoman added.

The Marie Curie support line is on 0800 090 2309 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). Calls from landlines are free, but there may be a charge if you're calling from a mobile.

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Out and About with The GEM

Dark music industry satire hits right notes

NICHOLAS HOULT has come a long way since making his debut in 2003's *About A Boy*. Since then Houlth has used the stepping stone of teen drama *Skins* to become a Hollywood mainstay in the likes of the X-Men universe as Hank McCoy and also in this summer's breakout hit, *Mad Max: Fury Road*.

Houlth's latest film sees him star in an adaption of John Niven's dark novel, set in 1997, *Kill Your Friends*, where he plays Steven Stelfox, an A&R man with no interest in music, just making money and living the high life.

Jealous of his co-workers, desperate for promotion and climbing the ladder, Steven embarks on a number of devious acts that leaves a trail of death and destruction in his wake...

When the novel of *Kill Your Friends* was printed in 2008, it was lauded as a British *American Psycho*, the story mirroring Bret

Easton Ellis's indulgent and sociopathic businessman Patrick Bateman in the character of Steven Stelfox, the characters sharing a 'succeed-at-all-costs' mentality and a questionable moral code in order to achieve their goals.

The film of *Kill Your Friends* similarly mirrors the film of *American Psycho*, a darkly comic and caustic tale of greed, murder and hatred that honours the source material and brings it to life in vivid, horrific style.

It's a bold move to refuse to tone down the book's savage tone for the big screen; it would no doubt have been an easier sell had there been some level of redemption for the character of Steven, but that it maintains its cutting edge throughout is wonderful if you've read the novel.

However, those who are coming to the film cold may find its unrelenting tone a little too dark for their tastes, the film, much like the novel, belligerent in its desire to bring any semblance of cheerful resolution.

On paper, Nicholas Houlth may seem slightly miscast as Stelfox, the



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actor having rarely been cast as anything than a sympathetic character, but he showed a dark side in his *Skins* days and digs deep here to try and nail the sociopathy of Stelfox. It doesn't always wholly convince, but he does a superb job of being so incredibly vile, albeit with a wink and a smirk, that makes him stand out as a character.

There is no light, only darkness, and Houlth shines as we see Stelfox slide down, and then up, the greasy pole of success, accompanied by some solid support work from the likes of James Corden, Ed

Hogg, Georgia King, Tom Riley and the always-watchable Craig Roberts.

Director Owen Harris (who was behind the camera for the impressive TV film *The Gamechangers* earlier this year) shows a stylish and sure foot in the director's chair, nailing perfectly the debauched tone of the book and certainly not scrimping on some of the story's more grisly moments.

It's a film that is almost slavish to its source material, and the fans of Niven's brutally acerbic novel will find much to enjoy here (with a soundtrack mining the Britpop era no bad thing either). However, those who haven't read the book may see it as a little too extreme, a story where even the most innocent of characters hide motives and desires that make them little better than the bitter and hateful protagonist.

It may divide opinion, but *Kill Your Friends* is a dark joy to behold, and even if you feel filthy afterwards, you can't help but admire thechutzpah and bravado to bring such a story to the screen, unencumbered by any attempted atonement for what has taken place.

VERDICT: If the source material was the British *American Psycho*, then the film of *Kill Your Friends* cleaves close to the filmic adaption of Bret Easton Ellis' book. Nicholas Houlth delivers a steady, dark performance in the lead, and the film oozes black humour from start to finish. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Filth* (2013), *American Psycho* (2000).

Porthcawl Parkinson's support

THE group meets in the Unitarian Chapel schoolroom in Nottage from 10.30am to 11am. The main meeting is the last Friday of each month, but they also meet on the second Friday for an exercise class and then a meal out.

In the September meeting Mr David Williams showed items he has made from wood, including a fruit bowl, pens and cigarette table lighters. In October Mr David Anderson gave an interesting talk with slides, on Norway and the northern lights.

All welcome; for further information call 01656 783071.

Penarth Local History Society

A TALK entitled *Hanoi To Barry Island* will be presented by Ron Powell 7.30pm on Thursday, November 12 (tonight) at All Saints' Church Lesser Hall Penarth. New members are always welcome.

Dinas Powys Players

DINAS Powys Players present *Steel Magnolias* at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 12, 13 and 14. For tickets, phone 02920 512868.

Barry Councillors' surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery to discuss any council issues or concerns.

Couns Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan William, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges will be at The Community Room, The County Library, King's Square, Barry from 11am to 12 midday on Saturday, November 14. No appointment necessary.

Stamp and postcard fair

BARRY Philatelic and Postcard Society is holding its annual autumn fair on Saturday, November 14 at Highlight Community Centre (rear of Tesco, Port Road Barry) from 10am to 4.30pm. **Rhoseo Bingo** A PRIZE Bingo night, suitable for all the family will take place on November 14 at Rhoseo and District Social Club.

Doors open at 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm!

Six games of bingo; bingo tickets 50p each or a book of 6 for £2.50 - please note that space is limited.

Mayor's coffee THE Mayor of Llantwit Major is holding a coffee morning to raise money for Bridgend Samaritans.

It will take place on Saturday, November 14

between 10.30am and 12 noon in Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major. Entry includes a cake and coffee and will cost £2 per adult, £1 for children, free to children under three.

Cake Stall, tombola, Name the Teddy Bear, raffle and much more!

Christmas fayre

WICK and District Pensioners' Club are holding their Christmas fayre this Saturday, November 14 at 2pm in Wick Village Hall. Lots of exciting Christmas stalls including cakes, tombola, Christmas items, produce, books etc, and Wick Youth Club will also have a sweets, drinks and chocolate stall.

There will be a grand raffle with numerous prizes which will be drawn at 3.15pm. Admission 50p (children admitted free) to include refreshments. Hope to see you there!

Porthcawl festival

TRYSTAN Ellis-Morris will broadcast from the national Cerdd Dant festival for the sixth year running as one of S4C's presenters at Gwyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro 2015, on Saturday, November 14 in Porthcawl Pavilion.

Joining Trystan are Nia Roberts and Morgan Jones.

Model railway exhibition

BARRY and Penarth Model Railway Club's annual open day takes place at the Cadoston Conservative Club (CF63 2HU) on Saturday, November 15 from 11am-4.30pm.

This is a chance to see the club's fixed layouts that don't go to exhibitions, as well as a selection of portable layouts in various scales.

Admission £3 adults,

£2 children; light refreshments available and an opportunity to buy new and used model railway items from local traders.

For more information see

<http://www.BPMRC.org.uk>, or contact

BPMRC@outlook.com.

Quiz at The Bush, St Hilary

COME to QuizNite on Sunday, November 15: it's big, it's brash, it's bold and it's current! 8pm start, £1 per person.

First and third Sundays of the month.

Choir 'taster' BARRY Male Voice Choir

will hold a 'taster evening' on Monday, November 16 at the Barry West End Club at 7.30pm.

Free legal advice

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session for over-50s on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, come along and chat to a local legal team. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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A PACT meeting will take place in Committee Room 3 at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, November 12 at 6.30pm.

Dave Gorman comes to St David's Hall

IF you're the kind of person who feels that power point presentations are all too much like a day in the office or a lecture, then Dave Gorman is here to change all that.

The wonderfully innovative comedian, most recently seen in his show *Modern Life Is Goodish* on Dave, brings his 'Dave Gorman Gets Straight To The Point' (* The PowerPoint) live show to Cardiff's St David's Hall on Saturday, November 28.

The all-new show promises more of his own unique blend of stand-up comedy and visual storytelling via the titular presentation method, and it promises to be an evening that tickles the funny bone as well as stimulates the brain.

Tickets are available from the box office on 029 2087 8444 or via the website at <http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk/English/Dave-Gorman-28/11/15/>.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

A festive Nutcracker

PUPILS from local dance school, Nicola Peros Ballet are gearing up for their Christmas production.

Rehearsals are well under way for a special production of festive

favourite, *The Nutcracker*, which is being put on by pupils from the Nicola Peros Ballet School at the Memorial Hall in Barry on Sunday, December 6.

The cast is made up of young students and adults from Barry, the rest of the Vale and Cardiff who attend Nicola's ballet classes. Proceeds from the production will be used to help benefit the training of young dancers at the school.

The Nutcracker ballet is based on the story *The Nutcracker and the King of Mice* written by ETA Hoffman and set to music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Nicola teaches at St Nicholas Hall in Barry and in Cowbridge Road in Cardiff with classes for both children and adults.

For further information, visit www.nicolaperosballet.com, email info@nicolaperosballet.com or telephone 01446 721899 or 07850741136.

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AS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON APPROACHES...

The secret of street's success!

BARRY'S West End is famed throughout south Wales for its successful shopping experience – and its numerous attractions are never more apparent than at Christmas.

Incorporating High Street, Broad Street, Market Street and Island Road, this tight-knit area of Barry is an enclave of independent businesses run by local people determined to deliver top products to valued customers.

Its popularity is such that other local shopping areas of south Wales have approached High Street traders for advice, and to find out what the



*Fay Blakeley's gift-boutique **Homemade Wales** on Island Road promotes handcrafted Welsh products benefitting the local economy and the wider Welsh one.*

secret is to its enduring appeal.

'Thank you'
One thing that business owners in the West End of Barry don't do is take their clients for granted.

They work hard to create a trusting relationship with people

because they know repeat business is key to a prosperous business. Putting something back into the community is important.

The traders always host the Christmas lights event as a 'thank you' to the people of the Vale.

Bob Armstrong of Dr Bob's Balloons Unlimited, and High Street Traders, said: "This year the High Street lights switch-on will take place at approximately 6.45pm on Friday, November 27."

There is a Victorian theme to the evening and those 'best-dressed' will win a prize!

For more on what is planned please see the story on the front page this week.

On December 5, High Street will also host an Artisans' festive market.

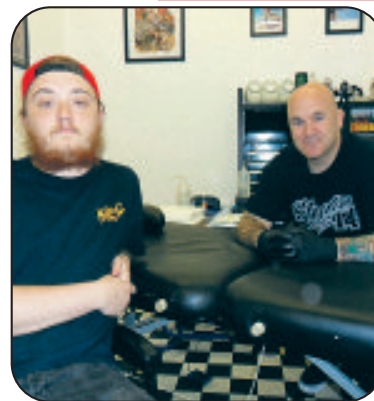
Enthusiasm

Another vital ingredient in the area's success story is enthusiasm – which is demonstrated by Fay Blakeley, who owns **Homemade Wales**.

Fay is looking forward to her second Christmas on Island Road.

She has established a Welsh 'gift boutique', specialising in handcrafted items and home wares.

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You can contact Stubob and Beanie of Studio 14 via Facebook and Instagram.

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FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2015

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WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 27th November 2015	High Street Barry , between Market Street and East Street	3.30pm to 9.30pm
	Island Road Barry , between Broad Street and Queen Street	3.30pm to 9.30pm

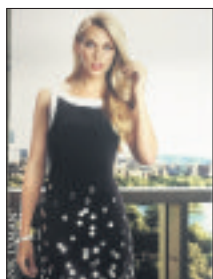
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Let High Street find that perfect Christmas gift!



Bryls Boutique stocks a host of top fashion brands, including Ugg boots.

ONE thing that baffles regular High Street customers is why people make an arduous trip to Cardiff for Christmas shopping when it's all on their doorstep!

That special gift is a lot nearer than you think.

Independent shops mean supplying something that might be different from national chains.

Someone well-versed in sourcing top quality gifts is Nicola, the owner of Miss Holmes, which caters for all members of the family.

This year, she has excelled herself with a product that will delight the ladies.

She explained: "The Qudo collection has Swarovski crystal ring tops that you can change according to your outfit. There are matching earrings and pendants too.

The collection is fantastic and has been great for us."

Nicola is also the only stockist of the Annie Haak jewellery collection in the Vale of Glamorgan, and stocks jewellery by Cowbridge designer Carrie Elspeth.

Miss Holmes is full of gifts that are a little bit different, and the staff



Giggles has a great selection of gifts for children that will stand the test of time.

will even gift wrap products – sometimes there is even branded giftwrap with a purchase.

The shop will stay open until 4pm on Christmas Eve which falls on a Thursday this year.

At Giggles Toy Shop, owner Jill has a wonderful collection of high quality, traditional toys – and sharing the space is Photo Art, run by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

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Service with a smile...

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Fay said: "All the stock is crafted in Wales and made by hand."

Fay's aim is for her gifts to be 'a little less ordinary'.

"I have suppliers in Pembrokeshire, Aberystwyth, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Cardiff, Carmarthen, Conwy, Dinas Powys and Barry. "The feedback I've been getting has been lovely and customers are very loyal also."

At the moment, Welsh tweed scarves and ceramics are "flying out".

It seems astonishing, but elsewhere in chain shops, people can buy a product relating to a particular country or tourist area, and it might be mass produced in

another country thousands of miles away.

Fay's business benefits the local economy and Welsh crafts people, too.

Successful shopping areas need new blood – and directly across the road from Homemade Wales is a new arrival.

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Stubob said: "I was on Holton Road for a year and moved here in May. The local people and shop owners have been very welcoming. "Business-wise, I have been even busier than in the town centre. "Ninety per cent of what we create is

original artwork."

The best way of contacting Studio 14 on Island Road is to send a message via Facebook or Instagram and they will get back to you.

(As Stubob explained, "it's difficult to break off from an artwork in progress").

So there you have the perfect recipe for a great

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Butterflies 'Christmas Shop' brings the festive season alive!

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Giggles has lots of items that as Jill says "will last a long time" – wooden toys, bilingual books and Welsh books. There are also English and Welsh cards, posters, Teddies, cuddly toys and reusable sticker books.

One of the most popular products, for the creative child, is the Discovery Space Centre by Hape.

Giggles also contains the Photo Art gallery.

Barbra explained: "The gallery features photographs taken by myself – a lot of local scenes and some of other destinations in the UK and abroad, such as Italy and France."

Barbra's photographs of Italy have proved very popular – and bear in mind that there are lots of familiar local images if a loved-one would like a reminder of something in the Vale.

A few yards further down High Street, is Bryls Boutique. Refurbished in the summer, it stocks the latest ladieswear, coats, jewellery, watches and handbags.

Ann, the owner, and her staff always provide customers with a warm welcome and good advice.

One of the most popular brands is the classic Ugg boots, but

there are other top names too including Estella Bartlett, French Connection, Great Plains, Joules, Darling, Sandwich, Masai, and Yaya.

If you want more information on Bryls Boutique, there is a Facebook page. The boutique will be open on Christmas Eve.

Butterflies has an extraordinary range of Christmas gifts and products and its decorated Christmas shop upstairs is a sight to behold – a true Aladdin's cave of festive products.

Butterflies is long known for its popular Yankee Candles, but there is so much more – jewellery, soaps, ornaments, festive garlands and wreaths.

The staff will make up gift hampers which start at £10.

If you are looking for a beauty treatment in the lead-up to Christmas or for a staff party, The Beauty Clinic at 43 High Street has a great reputation for delivering high quality treatments by highly trained and qualified beauticians.

It specialises in all aspects of beauty treatments including waxing, nail extensions and facials. To book an appointment, call 01446 743222. The Beauty Clinic will be open on Christmas Eve.

Bob Armstrong, of High Street Traders, said: "We have two new companies at the top end of High Street and I hope they will receive a warm welcome – Aspirations UK and The Smelly Shop."

Aspirations UK is owned by Debbie and Glyn Burton-Sloccombe.

The store has a choice of home accessories that can transform your home and furniture gifts.

Debbie explained: "We moved in 11 days ago. We used to be in Vere Street and wanted to come to High Street originally, but there was nothing available."

Glyn added: "We also sell a great product, Frenchic furniture paint. You can paint anything with it – furniture, glass, PVC, materials, items outdoors."

Debbie and Glyn will also be holding painting classes to advise people on techniques for applying paints to furniture and other items.

Nearby, The Smelly Shop smells wonderful! The shop, jointly owned by Emma and Ceri, opened at 100 High Street on October 3.

Emma said: "We do handcrafted soaps and bath bombs, home fragrance soya bean candles, gift sets and home accessories."

The ladies will make up gift hampers – just the thing a wife or girlfriend would love for Christmas.

So take a stroll along Broad Street, Market Street, Island Road and High Street this Christmas – there's a gift or service for everyone, and you can be guaranteed that extra special customer service.



Nina Estate Agents would like to wish all customers a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



At Miss Holmes, Nicola is stocking the Qudo collection – Swarovski crystal ring tops that clients can change according to their outfit. There are matching ear-rings and pendants, too.

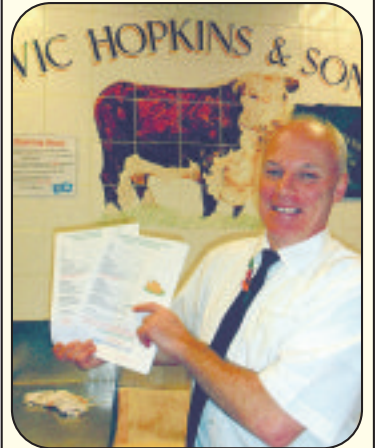


Frenchic furniture paint... You can paint anything with it – furniture, glass, PVC, materials, items outdoors. It is available at Aspirations UK, 104 High Street, Barry.



Michaela and her staff at the Beauty Clinic, 43 High Street, have a great reputation for delivering high quality treatments by highly trained and qualified beauticians.

Last orders!



Tony Hopkins of popular local butchers Vic Hopkins & Son, told THE GEM: "We've got our Christmas order forms ready, so customers can pop in and pick one up. To enable us to process their festive order in time, they need to fill out the form and hand it back in with a £10 deposit by Wednesday, December 16." For more information, tel 01446 735265.

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A new start for a popular local fashion business



LEFT: Jane James of Jade Boutique, moved from the corner of Island Road and High Street the short distance to 89 High Street.

Jane, who sells stylish designer clothing, handbags and jewellery, said: "I have been open on Broad Street, Island Road and High Street for 31 years in total.

"We moved to 89 High Street in June and had a great opening day.

"I'd like to wish all my customers a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year."

...And Jane's star buy this autumn season? Classic Frank Lyman dresses.

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"We specialise in relaxing facials and massages."

There are a number of different massages



available, including warm bamboo massage, hot stone massage, pregnancy massage. Kimberley also provides Declor facials – she's the only stockist in the Vale. Another popular treatment is crystal

healing.

She will be open on Christmas Eve.

You can either ring 01446 677430 for an appointment, or pop in between 10am and 2pm and make one with the receptionist.

Looking back at last year's lights switch-on!

Last year, GEM photographer Glyn Evans captured the excitement as crowds gathered in High Street for the Christmas lights switch-on.



MEMORABLE GIFTS AT PHOTO ART GALLERY

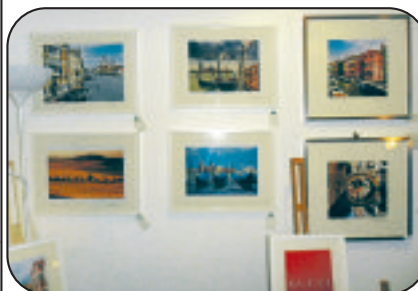


Photo Art, located in Giggles store, has top quality photographs from home and abroad by Barbra Archdale-Smith that would make memorable Christmas gifts.

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Survivor gives harrowing account of the Holocaust

Holocaust survivor Janine Webber, pictured St Clare's, pupils in Porthcawl.



STAFF and pupils at a Porthcawl school were moved to tears as 83-year-old Janine Webber, from the Holocaust Educational Trust, told how she survived the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust.

English teacher Kelly Burns had arranged the visit for years-8 and 9 students at St Clare's who are studying the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* in English and the Holocaust in history. GCSE and A-Level history students also attended the presentation.

Janine was born in Poland in 1932 and when Germany invaded the USSR, her family had to flee, taking only one suitcase with them.

The whole family had to share one room in a house and Janine's

parents dug a hole under a wardrobe where Janine, her mother and brother could hide safely during a German raid.

Sadly, Janine's father was killed and her uncle and cousin deported to an extermination camp. Janine and her seven-year-old brother were sent to live with a Polish family, but they were betrayed to an officer of the SS.

Her little brother was killed, but she escaped.

Janine survived the war and then moved to Paris, moving to England in 1956 where she met and married her husband.

They had two sons and grandsons. Today, she still lives in London and regularly shares her testimony with schools.

St Clare's pupils raised £280.30 for the Holocaust Centre in London by having a non-uniform day.

Father Christmas and his reindeer set for High Street

by GEM REPORTER

THE traditional High Street Christmas event draws thousands of excited children, along with their Mums and Dads, to Barry each year and the details of what is planned for this year have just been announced.

Bob Armstrong of High Street Traders, said: "This year, the High Street lights switch-on will take place at approximately 6.45pm on Friday, November 27.

"We've got lots planned. We've run a competition with local schools to design a Christmas light which will make up part of our display.

"A judging panel including me, the mayor and a councillor will decide who has won and the winner will help with the official switch-on."

There will be lots of entertainment and attractions on the night.

"We have got two school choirs, Barry Male Voice Choir, the Salvation Army Band, and Pukka Productions performing on the night.

"Bro Radio will be broadcasting and we are currently discussing the possibility of fairground

rides with the Danter family."

And will Father Christmas be making an appearance?

Bob said: "Yes, local children will see Santa, his reindeer and sleigh. They'll even get a chance to sit in the sleigh and have their picture taken."

There is a Victorian theme to the evening and those 'best-dressed' will win a prize.

Many High Street businesses will have outdoor stalls on the evening.

There will be road closures on the day, so keep an eye out in The GEM for more details soon.

BRIDGEND COUNCIL ASKS THE PUBLIC... Should Blue Badge holders park for free?

BCBC is inviting views on whether Blue Badge holders should continue to be entitled to park for free in all council-run car parks where other users have to pay.

The council has begun a public consultation on the matter, and local residents can have their say at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation and comment by Monday, December 7.

Cabinet member for communities, Coun Hywel Williams, said: "The Blue Badge scheme enables drivers or passengers with severe mobility problems to park close to where they need to go.

The scheme is operated slightly differently, depending on where you are in the UK, but here we currently allow badge holders to park free of charge in all council-run car parks.

"We would like to gather opinion on whether this concession should continue. The proposal that we are considering is to offer Blue Badge drivers an hour free of charge on top of the time they pay for at all off-street council-run car parks.

"We have already carried out an informal consultation with local ward members, town and community councils, emergency services, transport services and the Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People, and would now like to extend that consultation to other residents too."

In Bridgend county borough, there are reserved spaces for Blue Badge holders in off-street car parks in convenient locations, as well as on-street parking provision in town centre locations.

A shopmobility scheme is also operated in Bridgend town centre that enables people with walking difficulties to get about more easily.

Blue Badge holders can also park on double yellow lines for up to three hours, as long as they are not causing an obstruction, while BCBC follows national guidance over the proportion of disabled parking spaces allocated in any new car parks.

To comment on the proposed changes to Blue Badge parking, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation. The consultation closes on Monday, December 7.

Santa Paws will lead Trust's festive fayre!



NIYA AND KAI.

DOGS Trust Bridgend is decking the halls in preparation for its

Christmas fayre on Sunday, November 29.

Taking place at Action Petz Bridgend, Brynmynny industrial estate from 11am – 3pm, the festive event promises fun for all the family, including four-legged-friends. Entry to the fayre is £2 per adult, with children and dogs going free and parking is free.

The highlight of the day will be Santa Paws in his grotto with gifts for children and dogs, as well as a grand raffle, tombolas, bouncy castle, Christmas crafts and cards galore.

There will be the opportunity to pick up some stocking fillers with plenty of Dogs Trust merchandise for sale on the day. Dog school trainers will also be on hand with advice on training skills.

Dogs Trust Bridgend is also appealing for donations of tombola and raffle prizes and clean cuddly toys to be brought to the rehoming centre by November 20, to help with fundraising.

Linda Feagan, Rehoming Centre Supporter Relations Officer at Dogs Trust Bridgend says: "Our Christmas fayre is always a highlight of our calendar and this year promises to be another great day out for the whole family. With all proceeds of items sold going towards the care of our dogs at the centre, while they await new homes, it's a wonderful way to raise pounds for hounds and give back this Christmas."

For more information, call Linda on 01656 728923, or email: linda.feagan@dogstrust.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA?

NFU Cymru meeting
NFU CYMRU Assembly adviser Huw Thomas will address the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm with an outlook from Huw Thomas on the political landscape, covering the forthcoming National Assembly election and the EU referendum.

Huw is the point of contact between NFU Cymru and elected members of the National Assembly for Wales.

The meeting is open to all members; for further information, email sarah.jones@nfu.org.uk or telephone: 01982 554200.

National Trust

The local November meeting will be held at 7.30pm on November 18 at The Duke of Wellington, when

Mrs Rosemary Chaloner will talk on 'Angels in the Line of Fire'. New members are welcome.

Brice-a-brac sale

A SALE in aid of The Brooke will take place on Saturday, November 21 at Bonvilston reading room; doors open from 10.15am - 11.45am.

There will be household items, homemade goods, a Christmas stand, and coffee and tea for sale.

Zumba class

ARE you looking to get into shape for Christmas? Would you like to feel a bit fitter?

Come along to KPC Youth Centre, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend CF33 6AB on a Tuesday morning from 9.15am – 10.15am for an exercise/Zumba class.

All levels of ability welcome. (There are also limited crèche spaces at SPLICE – these would need to be pre-booked with KPC before the

session – telephone Alison 749219.)

Entry is free, but a voluntary contribution towards the session is appreciated. For more information or to book a place call 01656 749219/745399; limited to 20 places per session.

Art society display

COWBRIDGE Art Society holds its annual Christmas exhibition from November 9 to December 3 at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, where members' work is for sale at reasonable prices. For opening times, telephone 01446 773831.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members are most welcome. Visit www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

World War One Quilts

LOOK out for a colourful display

of handmade quilts by the Cutting Edge Textile Group, from November 3 – 15 in shop windows on Cowbridge High Street.

You will see them in Beauty Within, Costa Coffee, David Barnes Dry Cleaners, The Barbers Cowbridge and Ty Hafan charity shop.

For more information on the Cutting Edge Textile Group look at <http://cuttingedgetextiles.wordpress.com>.

A Mediterranean evening in St Hilary
On Saturday, November 21 join in a dazzling Mediterranean dinner, including a sparkling array of dishes, and experience exciting flavours – without having to cross the Channel!

Tickets £15, bar available. To book, or for more information, contact Liz Loch on 624351, or 07747 688219

Great Gatsby Ball raises over £26,000 for Ty Hafan hospice



Flapper Girls: The Ty Hafan events team transported St David's Hotel back to the roaring twenties.

CHAMPAGNE flowed, music played and jewels dazzled as Cardiff Bay was transported back to the roaring twenties for the Ty Hafan Great Gatsby Ball.

Two hundred guests partied the night away until the early hours at the lavishly-themed black tie event at St David's Hotel and Spa in Cardiff Bay, to raise tens of thousands of pounds to help children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

As mum Bridget James delivered a powerful speech about her experience caring for her five-year-old daughter Elain, who has a rare heart condition, she presented a surprise £4,000 cheque to thank staff at the Sully-based hospice, bringing the total for her fundraising activities to £25,000.

"Elain loves Ty Hafan. They are a lifeline for us and help us create special memories which we'll

cherish forever," said Bridget. "We are able to relax at Ty Hafan and do the normal things that other families may take for granted. It can be difficult at times, but knowing that Ty Hafan is there for us is such a comfort."

"We would like to thank Ty Hafan for all they do for us and are so grateful they are with us on our journey."

"One thing I do know is that I am going to bed tonight absolutely sure that I was put on this earth to be Elain's mummy. Despite all the heartache it has brought, the overwhelming feelings of love, protection and pride counteract the pain ten times over."

"As much as I complain that my life has been turned upside down in the last five years, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat for my girl, my Elain, my family. Today my love for Elain is stronger than ever."

Sponsored by Bartholomew Hawkins, the event was hosted by Paralympian Mark Colbourne MBE and attended by representatives from Cardiff City Football Club, Arriva Trains Wales, Hugh James, Blake Morgan and Golley Slater among many more.

Raising more than £26,000 for Ty Hafan on the night, the Gatsby Ball also included a casino and auction, with prizes ranging from a tour of the Aston Martin factory as part of the James Bond package to a week's holiday in Majorca and Mediterranean cruise for two.

Many guests took to Twitter to show their support, both during and after the event.

Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies tweeted: 'Fantastic evening last night in support of @tyhafan and the #GatsbyBall. Humbling to see such fundraising for a thoroughly deserving cause.'

Voices For Change added: 'We're very excited to be at the @tyhafan #GatsbyBall tonight! An amazing night for an incredible charity.'

PR director Alastair Milburn tweeted: 'Really good atmosphere at @tyhafan's #gatsbyball - with great friends at @C_S_Group.'

CATHERINE EVANS

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THERE are around 13,000 community pharmacies across the UK, so for most people, there's one close by.

They provide rapid access, without appointment, to a healthcare professional and now offer a range of clinical and public health services.

As qualified healthcare professionals, they are able to deal with a wide range of ailments, as well as offering advice on maintaining and improving your health. They also know when to refer to another health care professional.

It is their job to help you get the most out of your medicines and treatments. Pharmacists now offer personalised medicines advice; help to quit smoking; treatment of minor ailments; advice on preventing disease; advice on sexual health



including, emergency hormonal contraception; and disposal of unwanted medicines.

In one of the newest services, Discharge Medicine Reviews, pharmacists check you have been given the correct medication on discharge from hospital.

This is proving to be a very useful service and pharmacies recommend that patients let them know if they have been recently discharged from hospital and bring in a copy of their medicine discharge sheet.

It has never been easier to order repeat medication, either popping into the pharmacy, or calling to order over the phone. We will liaise with the doctor's surgery to get everything ready for you.

Free delivery of medicines can be arranged if you have trouble getting to a pharmacy to collect your medicines.

It is well worth checking with a local pharmacy, to see if we could help, before going to a GP or even A&E. The pharmacy will always advise you if you do need the GP or A&E service, but often it can sort your problems out for you instantly.

So don't hesitate, come and see us in your local pharmacy and ask us about the range of services we offer. We are always looking to make your life easier.

KATE THOMAS,
pharmacist at Sylvia
Williams Chemist,
Cowbridge.

Hokkei in the Classroom to help put charity on course!



ABOVE: Larkin Cen, co-founder of Hokkei, and Steve Hughes, group finance director at Principality with cooking students from Cardiff and Vale College.

THE Principality Building Society, Cardiff and Vale College and Hokkei have joined forces to put on 'Hokkei in the Classroom', an evening of festive fun and innovative Asian cooking - all in aid of mental health charity Mind Cymru.

Using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, students from CAVC serve a special three-course meal for 70 guests, with the help of Larkin Cen (MasterChef finalist and Hokkei co-founder) and his team. All profits from the event will go to Mind Cymru, Principality's charity of the year.

Kay Martin, Deputy Principal at Cardiff and Vale College, said: "We are thrilled to be working with Principality and Hokkei on this unique event for Mind Cymru."

Not only will it raise funds for an important community cause, it will also be a wonderful experience for our learners to work with Larkin Cen."

Hokkei in the Classroom will be held on December 3 from 7pm at The Classroom, Cardiff and Vale College City Campus in Dumballs Road, Cardiff. Tickets are £40 and are limited to a capacity of 70 people.

Visit www.hokkeiintheclassroom.eventbrite.co.uk or www.mind.org.uk.

Health topic session at Senior Health Shop
DO you have chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia or myalgic encephalomyelitis? Do you look after someone who suffers from any of these conditions?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic session where you can talk to an adviser from MESIG on help and support that is available at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Model boat club lights up Cold Knap Lake

FORMED in March this year, the Vale of Glamorgan Model Boat Club has quickly grown in size to 40 registered members, ranging in age from 16 to 80 years old, but still awaiting our first lady member, come on ladies!

The club normally sails on at Cold Knap Lake, Barry, on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm, but last week with the darker winter nights drawing in decided on holding a 'Night Sail' with an array of ships' navigation lights illuminating the still waters.

With some 16 members attending, a fun night was had and the support from members families and friends made for a warm atmosphere.

Club members Ken Thompson and Andy Phelps certainly had no problems being seen on

this dark night, arriving lakeside with their trilby hats and glasses ablaze with lights - anyone visited Blackpool recently? Try the lights on the boats next time. Jads!

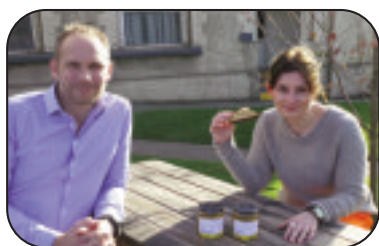
Impressive on the water was Kevin M's tugboat Portgarth and with the background lights around the lake it made for a good photo opportunity as can be seen here, at first glance, real or model?

So a good night was had by all attending, and we must say thank you to our very own 'club godmother' Dee Mollart of Llantwit Major, who kindly supplies our members with a regular weekly supply of biscuits - the tea is yet to come!

Why not pop down and visit us on the lake, visit www.vgmbc.org, or phone 07790 590714 for more information. Happy sailing!

Rob McCann

FIRST HONEY HARVEST AT ABERTHAW!



Abertaw plant manager Chris Bradbury and environmental coordinator Kara Bennett enjoy some of the fruits of their honey bee labours.

COLLEAGUES at Tarmac's Abertaw cement plant have had a first honey harvest from their onsite bee hives which has turned out to be a great success.

Local beekeepers, Luke and Stephen Fraser, who are helping the cement team with their new bee venture of nine bee hives installed at the onsite quarry, delivered the first honey yield along with the good news that the cement plant bees love their new home.

Luke said: "We have been very lucky with our honey production this year, which has been a notably unproductive year for honey bees. But our bees are bucking this trend and we have been able to sustainably harvest 50 jars of honey from the Abertaw Quarry bees, which is quite something."

"Other bee keepers are reporting equivalent harvests of around 10 jars, so our bees must be happy in their new home

to be doing this well."

The main concern for the bees at this time of year is wasps trying to invade the bee hives to raid the honey stocks. The first frost will kill the wasps while the honey bees will survive, but until then the bees are at risk.

To help avoid a wasp attack, Luke and Stephen have narrowed the entrance holes to the Abertaw bee hives, in an effort to discourage the wasps.

Abertaw Cement Plant environmental coordinator Kara Bennett said: "We are very grateful to the Frasers for helping us to learn more about bees and to be taking such great care of them. Next year, we will be inviting local schoolchildren to site to see our bees and learn more about them, and how important they are in the ecosystem."

The Abertaw bees started as five hives and have now become nine hives - with each colony having about 10,000 bees.

EW

Songs, Stories and Music...



Robin and Bina Williamson.

LEGENDARY musician/story teller Robin Williamson and wife Bina will be displaying their unique talent at the Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff, on Thursday, December 10 at 8pm.

They will perform a programme of original and traditional, magical and mystical songs, stories and music, garnered over Robin's 50-year musical career. Robin is renowned

worldwide as a peerless musician, writer, and storyteller, while Bina is also a gifted singer-songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist in her own right with a hauntingly sweet, melodious voice.

The music has been described by Robert Plant as "pure beauty through simplicity".

Their soulful concerts feature east-west harmonies with harp, bowed psaltery and various other instruments.

Dutch will provide stern test for Wales

IF you had imagined a scenario two years ago where Wales were playing a friendly against the Netherlands post-Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, and the former had made it to the tournament while the latter had failed ignominiously to qualify, then your sanity may have been questioned.

At that stage the Netherlands were riding high on the post-World Cup euphoria that had seen them finish third in the tournament, having beaten holders Spain 5-1 en route.

Louis Van Gaal, who had masterminded the Dutch ascent to near-glory, left for the Manchester United job soon after – and his replacement, Danny Blind, has since overseen a dramatic slump in their fortunes.

Meanwhile, Wales had come out of the World Cup qualifying disappointed, finishing fifth in a

group of six, behind Scotland and Serbia, with eyes on the European Championship qualifiers – which, as we all know, went rather well!

As Chris Coleman's men (shorn of key players Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey, Hal Robson-Kanu and the quietly-impressive Jazz Richards) prepare to welcome the Netherlands to the Cardiff City Stadium on Friday, there is no doubt that the wounded Dutch will be a stern test for what is arguably a weakened Welsh side.

However, it is exciting to see how Wales, without their 'name' talent, fare in what is a strong test of their strength in depth.

It provides an opportunity for other players to step up and take on responsibility, and a good result will give the players an extra boost that they have, even when not at full-strength, the ability to match the big teams.

GARETH JAMIESON

Under-12s overcome a daunting test...

FOLLOWING recent improvements in performances and results, Cowbridge under-12s faced a daunting trip to face Pontypool Utd with a squad of only 15 and no reserves.

On a foggy Gwent morning, the boys dispensed with their usual slow start and got in their opponents' faces from the off.

Aggressive defence from the excellent back row trio of Ifor Rees, Ollie Jones and Robbie Brown forced Pontypool deep into their own 22 and a handling error allowed Ruben Davies to pounce for an opportunistic opening score, with Harry Treharne adding the extras.

With confidence high, the forwards winning quick ruck ball, and Archie Lloyd's lightning slick service feeding the backs, James Jones made a strong half-break and offloaded to Ruben Davies who burned away the defence from distance to score under the posts, Treharne again on target with the conversion.

With half-time approaching, more good work from Harry set Ruben clear for another crowd-pleaser to make the score 19-0 to the visitors.

Despite the technical superiority of hooker Fin Ball, the much larger Pooler pack were making life uncomfortable in the set piece and were efficient carrying around the fringes, but the front five, with Tom Brennan and Rhys Ford to the fore, were able to compete and spoil their opponents' ball near their try line.

Just before the break, the first handling error of the day with a greasy ball saw Pooler hack the ball through for a try which their committed performance deserved. The half-time score was Pontypool Utd 5, Cowbridge 19.

The second half saw the home side

tighten up the game putting Cowbridge under sustained pressure and managed an early try to close the gap to nine points.

With props Lewys Robins and Bash Johns-Powell gaining parity in the scrum and carrying well, frustrations for the hosts boiled over and following some handbags Brennan and the feisty Pooler hooker were given a lecture by the referee.

From the resulting scrum, the ball was spread wide in exemplary fashion allowing Ruben to float out a beautiful pass to Finlay Brace, who weaved his way for the score of the day from fully 55 metres.

With the game in its dying minutes a committed Pooler side refused to give an inch and pounded the Cowbridge line.

With Brown yet again at his destructive tackling best, superb cover defence by Finlay Sullivan and with full-back Harris tackling and jacking, the defensive line stood firm and the game was won. Full time score Pontypool Utd 10, Cowbridge 24.

This was the squad's best performance of the season against a physical and well drilled outfit. Every player deserves great credit for their commitment and performance.

With the district champions St Peters up next, the boys know that only more of the same will do if they want to keep their winning run going.

Great thanks to the parents for their efforts in travelling so far, so early, in such fog on a Sunday morning!

Squad: Lewys Robins, Finlay Ball, Sebastian Johns-Powell, Tom Brennan, Rhys Ford, Oliver Jones, Ifor Rees, Robbie Brown, Archie Lloyd, Harry Treharne, Finlay Brace, James Jones, Ruben Davies, Finlay Sullivan, Will Harris.

HH

Cowbridge darts round-up

ON Tuesday November 3, the Edmond's Arms and the Six Bells Inn hosted the first rounds of the mixed doubles.

Teams making it into the semi-finals to be played on Tuesday, November 24, at the Edmond's Arms, were Joan Burt, Alun Evans and John Izzard (Old Post Ladies/Hare & Hounds), Pam Adams, Tony Fox and Owen Carter (Farmers Arms), Maureen Fleming, Nigel Thomas and Rob Jones (Farmers Arms) and Noyle Burt and Daisy

Repke (Edmond's C).

In winning her match with Noyle, Daisy set the new highest ladies three-darts-out this season, hitting an 81.

Present league standings, after five league weeks, are: Edmond's B (29 points), Farmers Arms (25), Highwayman Inn (23), Edmond's C (23), Edmond's A (22), Llanharri (20), Six Bells Inn (17), Hare & Hounds (13) and Old Post Ladies (8).

On Tuesday November 17, there is another full programme of league matches.

The Hare & Hounds hosts Llanharri, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmond's B, the Old Post Ladies hosts the Six Bells Inn and the Edmond's A hosts the Farmers Arms. The Edmond's C do not have a game.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cwbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

CRICKET CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER A LOVELY EVENING!

ON Friday last, Cowbridge Cricket Club held its annual dinner at the Athletic Club with over 80 members, guests and friends sitting down to a four course meal provided by Andy Tucker Outside Catering Company.

The guest list comprised Glan Williams, former physical education teacher at Cowbridge School and representing Barry Cricket Club, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary; Tim Williams, our groundsman who provides a picture postcard playing field each weekend; John Griffiths, the chairman of the rugby club; Richard Green, owner of Abbey Glass, who is our principle sponsor; Peter Hybart, the chief executive of Cricket Wales; and guest speaker Graham Price MBE, the former Wales and Lions prop.

The evening started with our president Jeff Bird remembering and naming those players of the club that lost their lives in the two World Wars.

This was followed by a little entertainment of heads and tails quiz on facts and figures of our season and Graham's career, which was won by Sam Russell, who was our youngest member present.

Awards were given out to the following recipients:

Player of the year: 1st XI - Neil Brand, 966 runs averaging 80.5 per game and 50 wickets. Neil also received the best batsman and bowler of the South Wales Cricket Association Leagues in their annual dinner. Second XI player of the year - Rob Thomas - top scorer. Young player of the year - Sam Russell; at 14 years old Sam played in all first team games.

The Ben Wright Trophy for club, county and beyond went to Robbie Brown, a Welsh international at the under-11 age group. Peter Finucane 'Catch It' award went to Joe Russell for a memorable catch at backward point.

Club person of the year, on or off the field, went to Chris Willey who played in all first XI matches and T20 games; he has been a loyal servant on the field over the years.

In the chairman's speech, Hugh Williams congratulated the first XI on their promotion to the First Division of the S.W.C.A. league next year.

He read out a letter sent from Neil Brand, the captain, who could not be present on the

evening; his contribution was immense but was ably supported by Tom Merilaht (over 500 runs and 30 wickets) and Mike Lloyd (over 400 runs).

It was also good to see a full season by youngsters Matt Keating, Sam and Joe Russell and Rian Thomas in the first XI.

He congratulated stalwarts Ian Evans, Rob Thomas and Jonty Webb for their efforts in keeping the second XI in the Fifth Division and the inclusion of young Cai Owen in the side.

The club also won the 1840 match against Bridgend by four wickets due mainly to an innings of 120 not out by Michael Lloyd, ably supported by Ed Lewis.

The midweek T20 team fulfilled its fixtures with mixed results, having given youngsters the chance to play senior cricket.

Hugh complimented the work of junior coordinator Sarah Russell, and coaches and parents for all their hard work in fulfilling their fixtures in the five age groups of the Cardiff & Vale Junior League.

He congratulated the achievements of three youngsters, Robbie Brown and Alice Philips of the under-11 Bears team, and Sian Russell of the under-13s for gaining their international caps.

He also set out objectives for next season - the need to recruit new players who will play a full season of cricket and bring on the youngsters into senior cricket as too many players drop out after the under-15 age group.

He welcomed the former Glamorgan player Ben Wright, returning to his local club for next season.

He also highlighted the need to strengthen the numbers on the committee to spread the workload, but he thanked their effort and hard work over this year, especially Ian Evans and Jonathan Smart with team selection.

Also, the set-up of a junior section committee was mentioned, as a meeting



Sam Russell, Graham Price and Joe Russell.

is set up at 8pm on Thursday, November 12, at the club for this purpose, and also to raise funds for new matting in the net area.

He concluded by thanking all present for their support and hoped to see them all next year.

The climax of the evening was a witty and interesting account by Graham Price, our guest speaker about his playing career with the famous Pontypool front row and coach Ray Prosser, his life with the Welsh team in which he gained 41 caps, and touring on three Lions tours where he gained 12 consecutive caps.

He also answered questions from the floor with great insight into rugby as it was played in the 'old days'. Graham also presented the club with one of his Lions jerseys in order to raise funds.

A raffle was held on the evening and we thank everyone responsible for the various donations.

The Welsh secretary of the MCC, Matthew Smart, presented our president with a plaque to commemorate the cricket club's 175th year which was also honoured by a match in the summer.

A good night was had by all, with the club looking to welcome new members.

HW

ANCIENT AND MANLY GAME THAT DREW THOUSANDS TO VALE Will the Bando Boys be back?

CONTINUING the theme of local traditions in the Vale, 150 years ago, the game on the Fro was Bando.

Bando was played all over the Vale and is closely related to Shinty. Bando was so-named because of the shape of the Bando stick – a bit like a hockey stick.

The Bando stick (an example resides in the National Folk Museum of Wales at St Fagan's, Cardiff) was made of oak, ash or elm.

Such was the enthusiasm with which communities took up the sport that Rhys Thomas (a Cowbridge printer) recorded in a letter that the countryside between Bridgend and Pyle was "rendered barren of ash or elm by the use of those woods for the making of Bando sticks".

Among the fierce

rivalries of the sport were Baglan, Aberafan, and Margam who battled away on the Margam sands, and any other suitable flat field in the Vale against teams from Pyle, Kenfig and Llangynwyd.

It is recorded that teams sometimes played up to three times a week and as many as 3,000 spectators would assemble to cheer their side on.

Another attraction was the rolling of barrels of beer to the site of the match. A 'Brenin' (King) would duly act as referee and see to the dispensation of Cwrw Da (best Welsh ale) to the amassing hoards.

The players decked themselves in favours (armbands with the adopted colour of the community). Llantwit Major regarded themselves as the champions of the Vale.

Charles Redwood in his book *The Vale of Glamorgan (1839)* gives a brilliant account of such a match in the chapter 'The Bandy Match' – which gives a good idea of the atmosphere!

"Bandy is the prime game here, and in the opinion of our rustics leads to highest of all distinctions. Prodigious is the jealousy and heartburning which a rivalry in it produces between two parishes; and then, to decide their pretensions, they repair to the sea-shore sands, where twenty or thirty players engage on each side, and multitudes of spectators and partisans, too, often mingle in the contest.

"The famous parish of Llantwit had long tossed its head exceedingly hoity-toity among the neighbouring villages, and carried everything with a high hand. At all fairs and mabsants (saints' days) the Llantwit roisterers swaggered it proudly, as who should say, 'Who but they?' until at length another parish, that could ill brook all this

by Brian Keitch

hectoring, challenged them to a match at Bando. To be sure, with what vapouring the Llantwit folks deigned to accept the challenge! They talked as tough no parish was fit to contend with them, but all ought to submit in quiet to their huffing.

"Players practised daily, interest deepened and when the day came all the Vale flocked down to the seashore. A loud shout was raised by the partisans of each side as the players came forward, with distinguishing favours on their left arms and their bandies with their right.

"Long and doubtful was the contest, and various were the chances of the game. Many of the younger men soon exhausted their wind and strength; some were disabled by luckless falls and at length the weight of the contest fell on a challenger and a Methodist. The fleet Methodist was foremost, but searched in vain for the ball (amongst the

crowds) – for the virago wife of the challenger straddled over and concealed it with her petticoat until her dapper spouse came panting up. But the Methodist's mother, an outrageous termagant, saw the fraud, and fell, with loud execrations, upon the study wife.

"However, the ball was carried off by the challenger, pursued by his fleet opponent. Dire is the contest between them. The challenger strives to secure the game, the Methodist to rescue it. They are again straining to reach the ball – the fleet Methodist close after and striving to pass his opponent.

"And he does pass: but the challenger stretches and trips up his heel, and the impetuous Methodist plows the sand with a headlong fall, amid shouts and peel from tall cliff to another far along the shore."

Phew! Quite a match! Bando started early in age. According to Edward Matthew of

Ewenni, "no-one above a 12 month would be seen without a bando stick."

Despite the appearance of chaos that prevailed there were certain rules to be adhered to – an agreed number of players – usually between 20 or 30 – a pitch which measured about 200 yards in length and goal markers about ten yards apart. The width of the playing field was of less concern.

Apart from lashing of Cwrw Da, the winning Bando Boys might expect a bottle of brandy (maybe pilfered from a wreck along the coast?).

It seems that Bando was for everyone, regardless of status. Theodore Talbot was captain of the Margam Bando Boys (of Port Talbot fame); preachers got into the act such as John Elias and another devotee to the sport was none other than David Lloyd George.

As a rule, the team that scored the first goal won, which meant a game could be over in minutes or lasted hours. For the record, an example of the songs

that accompanied the teams 'into battle' was this macaronic (a mixture of two dialects or languages – here clearly between Welsh and English) song called the Margam Bando Boys (first three verses):

Due praises I'll bestow, And all the world shall know; That Margam valour shall keep its colour; When Kenfigs waters flow! Our master, straight and tall; Is foremost with the ball; He is, we know it, and must allow it; The fastest man of all!

Let cricket players blame; And seek to slight our fame: Their bat and wicket can never lick it; This Ancient Many Game!

With industrialisation and an influx of people from outside the Vale, and not least the rocketing popularity of rugby football, the 'Ancient Many Game' quietly faded away – as did the Mabsant and many local fairs.

However, a revival was attempted some 30 years or so ago when a Bando match was played at the Plough and Harrow Inn in Monkash.

Dinas Powys took the match and a further game was played on Dinas Powys Common, as part of the Dinas Powys Mabsant in 1979. However, the last laugh – so far – belongs to the Cogan Bando Boys who in turn beat the Dinas Powys Bando Boys in a fixture as part of the Penarth Holiday (now summer) Festival in 1980 by a staggering six goals to nil.

So until there is a challenge from another village (or team), the Cogan Bando Boys remain champions of the Vale.

My suggestion is that maybe our own Vale of Glamorgan Ancient Manly Game is due to make a return at some festival or other.

I would be most interested to hear from GEM readers if there are any 'Manly Souls' out there who will, once again pick up a Bando stick and go into battle in fields and beaches of our locality.

Curiously, after such a long lapse in the sport you still hear the nickname Dai Bando from time to time!

Calling all Goedgedacht alumni! INGRID IS IN WALES!

GOEDGEDACHT is a farm in the Western Cape of South Africa, where hundreds of Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils and teachers have had their lives touched after a visit.

Goedgedacht means 'Good Hope' and hope is given to thousands of children by the charity which is run from the olive farm, reaching out into the local communities to provide education support, food, clothing and health checks.

One of the trustees of the Goedgedacht Trust is the inspirational Ingrid Lestrade; a pocket dynamo of a woman, dressed in green with a camera around her neck and a face-splitting smile lighting up her face.

Ingrid has boundless energy and a vision for the children of the Western Cape to be self-sufficient, educated young people who have the choice in their lives that their parents did not have.

Obviously, this takes time and money, so Ingrid is in Wales promoting the trust to a new generation who will take the Goedgedacht message into their hearts.

She is visiting schools in the area to share the achievements of the trust and to invite pupils to visit South Africa in the future and stay with her on the olive farm. They will help out during the mornings, providing many willing hands to

make light work of ongoing tasks.

In the afternoons and evenings they will spend time with the children and young people, helping with homework, playing, dancing and singing.

They will also have an insight into what real poverty looks like, an experience which will change their perception of the world forever.

Ingrid has invited all previous visitors from Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Brynteg School, Ysgol Llanharri and other schools and organisations in south Wales to a reunion on Friday, November 13 in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College at 6.30pm.

It will be an opportunity to catch up on the rapid progress of the Trust; reminisce over good times and friends; to network with friends they have not yet met. And hopefully... sing!

Everyone will be welcome to join this event. It will be an ideal opportunity for parents and friends to meet the woman who has inspired many young Welsh people to do Acts of Random Kindness (ARKS) to spend cold mornings at car boot sales and climb Pen-y-Fan to do their ironing!

The Goedgedacht Trust has a special place in the heart of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, and other local schools. Come along and find out why!

ANNE PICKFORD

SPEAKERS RAISE THE BAR FOR MEMBERS

THE October programme at Barry Camera Club started with a presentation by John Cooke entitled 'Working Towards Distinctions', which explained the distinction, awarded by various photographic societies, to photographers who show particular skill levels.

Members were surprised at the level of commitment needed to raise their photography to the standard required.

On October 9, we welcomed Gareth Martin who gave us a talk entitled 'In The Making'. He explained in great detail his workflow, showing how he plans his shots, the techniques he uses when actually taking the photographs and the various techniques he employs when making the final print.

Roger Tiley visited us on October 16 with a talk entitled 'Presentation And My Career'. Roger is a widely published professional photographer and gave a fascinating overview of his entire career through his teenage years, his studies at Newport Photography College and all his press and magazine work.

On October 23, we had a 'battle' with Cardiff Camera Club at our premises. Barry gained a conclusive win in the print section, with a score of 182 points to Cardiff's 166. Cardiff, however, struck back in the digital image section winning narrowly by 176 points to 173.

Overall, then, it was a relatively comfortable win for Barry scoring 355 points to Cardiff's 342 but Cardiff have vowed revenge for the return fixture next year!

The judge on this occasion was Les Loosemore, one of the most accomplished and experienced judges on the circuit. Unfortunately, this was the last time we will see Les as a judge as he is retiring from judging and this was his final night. Thank you, Les, for all your efforts over the years.

Once again the month concluded with our monthly competition night. This month the judge was Trevor James.

Monochrome print: This was a closely fought contest with some very high marks being awarded; however,

Trevor finally settled the competition by awarding 20 points and first place to Roy Carr for 'Wall And Trees In The Mist', second place and 19 points to Brian Trego for 'Umbrellas' and third place with 17 points to Mary Tornabene for 'Nature's Clock'.

Colour print: First prize and 20 points went to Barbara Archdale-Smith for 'Two Blondes At Sunset', second place and 19 points went to Hugh Winnan for his 'Priory Monk At Prayer' and third spot was taken by Glenn Porter who gained 17 points for his Venetian shot 'Sleeping Gondolas'.

The projected image section was, as usual, the most contested section. The winner with 20 points was Sarah Savage with 'Oh-Oh!', Roy Carr gained second place scoring 19 points with 'The Odd One Out' and in third place with 18 points was Ken Mayled's 'Morning Paper'.

November features a three-way battle with Merthyr Tydfil and Llantrisant Camera clubs, Keith Shales will be visiting us with a presentation entitled 'Mono... What Works?' and Allen Lloyd will be presenting his talk on 'Essential Photoshop', before we round off November with the monthly competition.

Throughout the rest of the year and into 2016 we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned.

New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

Alternatively, for more information visit our website www.barrycameraclub.co.uk. RN

Breathtaking views at Mynydd Garn-wen...

CLIVE was joined by 12 walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers at Goytre Wharf where the trees were wearing their autumnal tints before passing the well-preserved lime kilns, where limestone was burnt forming lime which was encased in barrels before being shipped out by boat along the Monmouth and Brecon canal.

Tramping southwards along the canal towpath past pairs of mallard ducks, a grey heron and a workman piloting an odd looking craft which dredges the canal, a stop was made on top of one of the stone bridges for morning coffee along with juicy ripe pears from John.

They then headed inland across soggy fields, woodland that had been cleared for them and a gradual climb up to the Folly Tower on the ridge, where two of the invasive Harlequin ladybirds were spotted over lunch.

Reaching the trig point on Mynydd Garn-wen, and after pausing to enjoy the breathtaking 360-degree views, a narrow track through tall bracken led them downhill to the delightful beech woods at Cwm Cam, followed by a slippery slalom route steeply downhill

into Coed Peggy-Shams.

Reaching the perimeter of Coed Howell and arriving at the Holy Well, or Ffynon Angaraon, they found a fallen tree was blocking the small freshwater spring noted for the fact that pins, needles, nails, pencils and buttons were left by people hoping to promote good luck, and following a narrow pathway through woods at the base of Pentre Hill, a short descent through sheep-filled fields led them back to their start.

The brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies were really enjoyed by the eight walkers who joined Geraint at Cyfarthfa Castle.

Descending towards the River Taff, they tramped across the world's oldest cast iron bridge called Pont y Cafnau or the 'bridge of troughs', which originally carried a tramroad as well as water to the nearby Cyfarthfa Ironworks that came next on their journey.

Having viewed the masonry blast furnaces and continuing along the Taff Trail, the curved Cefn Coed Viaduct which opened in 1868 and is 115-feet high with 15-arches (built to carry the Brecon and Merthyr Railway) led them into Cefn-coed-y-cymmer and down into the Taff Fechan gorge.

They walked the muddy riverside paths before climbing up to the Pontsarn Viaduct, and then descended to

Ynynor for a quick peep at the two churches and view the grave of Robert Thompson Crawshay.

There was a memorial tablet on the south wall of St Gwynno's to Catherine Morgan, who died in 1794 aged 106, and who lived through the reigns of six monarchs.

Returning back to the Taff Fechan gorge for a lunch stop at Pontsarn, and crossing to the opposite bank which led to the Cyfarthfa leat that carried water to the ironworks, the path of the old tramroad led them back to Cyfarthfa Park after an interesting journey back through industrial history.

On November 14, please note the change in start time and meet 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-plus mile moderate/hard walk taking in the Llanfoist Incline and Bloreage; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On November 18, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 9am for a 12-mile moderate walk taking in Llangybi Castle and the Usk Valley from Llandegfedd reservoir; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward



Cowbridge at Christmas



Get your Christmas shopping off to a great start with a trip to Cowbridge



The showroom at Norma Davies Opticians.

YOU can measure the approach of Christmas in various ways.

The first sign is when the big stores start plugging festive produce (around August?) but most people will shrug that off.

Things get more serious in October, as the countdown of shopping days to the big day continues, and then the pace quickens as we enter November.

However, you know things are getting close when you realise that the Cowbridge Reindeer parade is just over two

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

weeks away (November 29).

Fortunately for shoppers, traders in the town began planning for Christmas much earlier, and they can offer the traditional wide choice of goods and services that can make the festive experience easier for hard-pressed and stressed-out consumers.

With free parking in the town, shoppers can save time and money, compared to driving into the capital city, and there is never the sense of

hustle and bustle that you get with a retail park.

You can browse from shop to shop, often getting fresh ideas, because a high proportion of traders in Cowbridge are independent and pride themselves on offering items you won't find anywhere else.

There is also the added advantage of having a huge range of 'relaxation breaks' available – coffee bars, pubs, wine bars and restaurants are all there to break up the day, or providing a fine finish to a shopping expedition.

For traders, Christmas is a time to try something new, or to refine something that has worked well in previous years.

That is certainly the case with Filco, where their Cowbridge store, along with their other stores in the area, will be offering the chance to pre-order a wide range of quality Christmas meats.

Matthew Hunt, of Filco, told The GEM: "We have issued our



A great choice at Amanda Jones Jewellery.

Christmas meat brochure, and included in the range are all the traditional favourites, turkey, goose, duckling, lamb, pork and a wide variety of cooked meats.

"Also, our Christmas loyalty rewards scheme is now up and running. It started on November 2, and anyone who spends £40 per week for six weeks in a row will qualify for a £25 voucher.

"The last qualifying date for purchases is December 27, so there is still time to sign up for the loyalty reward."

Moving from an established Cowbridge business to a new kid on the block, this year will be the first Christmas when lovers of cider can sample one brewed in

the Vale.

Nick Craddock runs Vale Cider from just outside Bonvilston, and this year made the move from brewing for family and friends to a bigger scale.

He said: "We made our debut at the Vale Show, and sold out by early afternoon!"

"This prompted us to take things more seriously and we plan to be a regular at food festivals next year. We are looking forward to May at the Cowbridge Festival!"

Vale Cider's products are stocked at the Elephant and Bun deli in Cowbridge. What they brew varies with the apple crop, but this year they have a medium dry and a medium sweet –

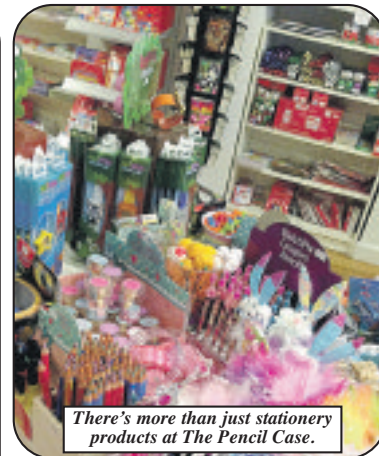
plus a little Christmas extra!

Nick said: "We will be here on Reindeer Day, offering people a chance to try our brand new 'mulled cider' – which will be on sale after at the Elephant and Bun."

Food and drink go together, of course, so it is an appropriate time to talk to one of Cowbridge's bright young chefs – Chris Bates at Beagles' Country Kitchen, which overlooks the river just along from Penny Lane.

Chris says that, as a creperie, his kitchen fits nicely into Cowbridge's bistro scene. It is just approaching its first year in the town.

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Where to find that problem gift!

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He said: "There is a sense of theatre when the customers are able to watch you cook for them, and I enjoy chatting while I'm at work."

"We have just launched our winter menu and we have something for everyone – savoury or sweet."

On the savoury side, a really popular one is pulled pork, chorizo and five-bean cassoulet. That really is one crepe, not three!

Traditional savoury crepes, such as ham and cheese, are on the menu too, along with Mexican fajitas, while there is a massive choice for sweet crepes.

Chris said: "We go from simple, sugar and lemon, to apple and blackberry crumble, and on to one called 'death by chocolate'."

"This Christmas, we are also doing a favourite from last year, back by popular demand – a Christmas pudding and brandy

sauce crepe!"

However, Christmas isn't all about eating (although we will be returning to that soon). It's about buying those difficult presents too.

This is where Amanda Jones Jewellery, just around the corner from Beagles on the High Street, can help.

Amanda's new business opened only in October and is already in full flow in the build-up to Christmas.

Shoppers who were fans of Jenny Wren will know Amanda well, and after 16 years there, she knew it was her time to take a leap of faith.

She stocks British silver brands such as Chlobo, Muru and Claudia Brady Pearls.

Amanda added: "As an independent, I know how important it is for a small town such as Cowbridge to maintain its individuality."

"The style, service, and those all-so-important touches that made Jenny Wren so unique are right at the forefront of Amanda

Jones Jewellery."

Close to Amanda on the High Street is another ideal 'take a break' spot – the Horse and Groom pub.

Landlady Jayne Wilkinson told The GEM that it wasn't just beer that people would pop in for in the town.

She said: "One of our most popular orders these days is when friends pop in to share a bottle of prosecco."

It's a lively pub, and that certainly holds true for Wednesday nights, when the Horse and Groom plays host to its regular jive club.

One imagines that 'Strictly' has given this a boost in recent years!

Just around the corner from the Horse and Groom, in the Old Mason's Yard, is La Mercerie, which specialises in yarn for knitting and crocheting.

The shop is owned by Jean Tait, who says it is not too late to knit a gift for Christmas.

She said: "We have patterns for hats, snoods and scarves that can be completed in plenty of



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time."

If you want to surprise someone with something made from genuine local wool, then ask Jean for something suitable for her latest yarn, made from 100 per cent Llanwenog Wool, from the Ty Mel Smallholding at Coytrahen!

Jean added that knitting is as popular as ever, with two busy knitting groups meeting once a week at the shop.

Eastgate in

Cowbridge is sometimes overlooked by shoppers who are in a rush, but that would be a mistake.

One long-established business is Colours, run by Jean Jeans and her sister Ruth.

Colours has been in Cowbridge for more than 25 years and used to be one of a chain of four.

Jean and Ruth worked for quite some time in the Barry shop, in Holton Road, but when the owners decided to retire, Jean

bought the Cowbridge shop!

Jean said: "One of our most popular lines is the Frank Lyman Design range. He is Canadian and makes fantastic occasion dresses and evening wear."

"He is very versatile, in the sense that his designs cover a wide range of ages, and his gowns are popular for gala balls or for cruises."

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Another speciality of Colours is wedding outfits for the mother of the bride or groom. It's very much a 'one-stop shop' for events such as these, with hats, bags and shoes all available.

Jean said: "Ruth has a saying which is - 'I defy anyone to leave without buying something' - and I think that sums up the ethos behind Colours."

Also in Eastgate is Sally Stephenson, who runs the Pencil Case, which does a lot more than it says on the tin!

She stocks a massive range of stationery products, including diaries and calendars, but also supplies ballet clothing and school uniforms too.

However, with the Christmas period in mind, Sally is very excited about - adult colouring books!

She said: "Recently, four of the top 10 best sellers on Amazon were adult colouring books. They have become a very popular way of finding a relaxing 15 minutes or so during a stressful day. People just 'zone out'."

For the adults, the designs are complex, and Sally has seven different books to choose from, with titles such as 'Celtic', 'Kaleidoscope' and 'Mandala'.

She also, not surprisingly, stocks sets of colouring pencils as well. There are children's colouring books too, so that it can become a family activity.

Stocking fillers in the Pencil Case include children's notebooks with stunning 3-D covers, and quality note books and fountain pens for grown-ups.

She also stocks Welsh language Christmas cards and 'school packs' of cards for the primary school tradition of giving cards to classmates and teacher.

Well, after a burst of shopping activity, it might be a good idea to check out a relaxation option - perhaps finding out the secret of Bar 44.

The tapas bar started in Cowbridge with the idea of bringing the best Spanish food, wine, sherry and beer to the town, and now has branches in Penarth and Cardiff.

You could even turn your day on its head and start with a Spanish breakfast (served between 10am and 12 noon).

Tom and Owen Morgan run Bar 44, and Owen said: "We can do a full Spanish breakfast, including our 'hog tortilla' - a Spanish omelette with chorizo."

"During the day, we have our very popular 'three tapas for £10' offer, and this runs until 6pm, so you can choose this option at the end of your day, rather than at lunchtime."

"Also, if an afternoon snack is what you want, we have our amazing churros, which go very well with a coffee."

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The Horse and Groom is a great place to stop for a break, either in the pub or (below) in the beer garden.



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RESTAURANT TAKES A FAMILIAR SEASIDE STAPLE TO A NEW LEVEL

A COWBRIDGE restaurant is aiming to make Friday and Saturday lunchtimes special by turning its chef's gourmet skills to that good old seaside staple – fish and chips!

Tim Marriott is the head chef at the Market Place, and six years ago he returned to Cowbridge after polishing his culinary education by working in a series of top London restaurants.

Since then, the Market Place has established itself as one of the Vale's best places to eat, with customers loving the good food, and also the sense of history that befits an establishment that became a tavern in the 16th Century.

Tim explained his thinking: "We have aimed to perfect as much as possible the classic combinations that you would expect to eat with a traditional fish and chip meal, taking the basic chip shop ingredients and elevating them to the next level."

"All of the sauces and accompaniments are all made in house by our chefs. Our mushy peas are made with fresh thyme, garlic, wine and truffle oil, as well as the traditional marrowfat peas, and go particularly well with



Fish burger and chips at the Market Place.

the chip shop fruity curry sauce, which has a multitude of fresh fruit, and veg spice mixes.

"For the batter on our daily fresh fish we use fresh yeast and beer to aerate and lighten, which complements our crispy triple-cooked chips perfectly."

I dropped in with a guest to try the Market Place's fish and chips, and all I can say is that you can believe the hype!

You can choose to have the fish battered, cooked in matzo breadcrumbs, or grilled, and I chose the cod in breadcrumbs, while my guest tried the plaice in batter. It's hard to imagine finding any better anywhere, and the chips were a delight.

However, what makes the occasion special is the flair shown with the extras such as the mushy peas, and the various sauce options.

The peas were almost a mousse, with the complex mix of ingredients working to perfection, and the sauces were great, particularly the fruity curry option.

There is a third re-imagined special, a fillet of fish burger stack which has seven different components and sauces, including a crispy battered onion ring, which is definitely one I will be trying on another day.

The Market Place is continuing with its regular Friday and Saturday lunch menu, and that has plenty of tempting options too, if you are not a fish fan.

Just one recent addition, for instance, is pan fried bubble and squeak with black pudding, crispy bacon and poached egg.

For some people, the charm of fish and chips will always be having it wrapped in the chippie and then eating on a seaside bench or in the car.

At the Market Place, it is definitely still fish and chips, but Tim Marriott has taken it to another level!

PHILIP IRWIN

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Soup of the day (v)

Chicken liver parfait served with real onion marmalade

Breadcrumb parmesan baked chicken skewers with sweet chili, pepper, mozzarella and chutney

Beetroot caramel salmon gratinola served with chili and lemon potato salad

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MAINS

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Homemade fish pie served with parmesan mash potato

Pan fried chicken supreme served with leek, cheddar cheese mash potato, duxelles & wild mushrooms cream sauce

Market Place beef burger with peas, mozzarella, tomato and house chips

Prawn and salmon linguini with leeks, parsley and parmesan served in a white wine garlic sauce

Homemade chili infused salmon & cod fishcake with chili & lemon served with triple cooked chips, bearnaise

Vegetarian dish of the week (v)

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Something special to offer

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The brothers have a passion for most things Spanish, but they have a particular interest in bringing the image of sherry up to date.

In fact, last week in the three Bar 44s, it was international sherry week.

Each bar stocks a wide range of sherries, and the staff can advise on the characteristics of the various varieties.

They excel in wine, too, and recently won the Harpers UK wine award for best Spanish

wine list, as well as the Good Food Guide 'restaurant of the year' for 2015. Bar 44 still has a few spaces left for Christmas parties.

Returning to the subject of distinctive Christmas gifts, a visit to JRC jewellers could solve a few of your problems. Owner Rowena Mahon believes strongly that Cowbridge offers something special.

She said: "I really would encourage people to come to Cowbridge, because everybody works hard to source items that you won't find on the High

Street." A new addition to JRC's range is the Ti Sento brand of jewellery, and the Italian fashion sense in the range has proved very popular.

Rowena added: "We have a number of high end and antique jewellery lines, and another special designer – particularly with evening dress events in mind – is Deakin & Francis.

"They specialise in hand-made men's cufflinks, and they have really made a name for themselves in the fashion world in recent years."

Also in the jewellery business is Emma-Kate Francis, who has been in Cowbridge for five years now, working from a studio in Eastgate (just above High Society).

Everything Emma-Kate sells is personal. She is the designer and everything is made in-house.

She specialises in ultra feminine jewellery, made in sterling silver and pearl. She also accepts bespoke jewellery commissions.

She said: "With Christmas in mind, I have a special offer at the moment, which is a pair of free pearl studs with orders over £85."

RIGHT and BELOW:
Just two of the tempting tapas dishes available at Bar 44 in Cowbridge.



Guess who's coming to town! See full details on page 29.



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COWBRIDGE'S big pre-Christmas day is getting closer, as final preparations are made for the Reindeer Parade, on Sunday, November 29.

The town's chamber of trade were the first in south Wales to put on a reindeer parade, and the event has attracted large crowds in recent years.

As in previous years, the parade itself is scheduled to start at 12 noon. After the parade, there will be a chance for children to see the reindeer close up.

Helping things go smoothly will be the members of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club and friends, including members of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

They will be acting as stewards, and collecting money for good causes. The Lions will also be selling tasty burgers from their stall behind the town hall.

Following the Reindeer Parade, Santa will be in his Grotto to meet the children. This is also a hugely popular part of the day and, to avoid long queues, it is ticket only.

A Lions' spokesman said: "The tickets for Santa's Grotto can be collected at the west entrance to the town hall on a 'first come, first served' basis from 11 am. Each ticket will grant access to one family, but please remember that the number of tickets is strictly limited, since Santa can only stay for a short time."

"He will be in his Grotto between 1.30pm and 4pm and tickets will be allocated for slots between these times."

"There will be no charge for the tickets, but if you enjoy the experience a donation in support of the work of Lions would be much appreciated, using Gift Aid if possible."

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PARK Independent Funeral Directors in Tynewydd Road, Barry, have put together a Remembrance display, with the support of local historian and headteacher at St Cyres School, Penarth, Dr Jonathan Hicks.

Assistant funeral director

Becky Adams said: "Last year's commemorative display aroused a great deal of interest and we had people dropping in and saying how lovely it was to have a Remembrance Day window, because they have or had relatives in the forces or had been in the forces

themselves."

Since its formation in Barry six years ago, Park Funerals, which is based at Tynewydd Road opposite King Square, has mounted a number of displays and these have received many compliments from passers-by.

Angela joins the cooks in Parliament – while Sian cooks for the AMs!



Angela Frederick (second from right) was one of only ten school cooks chosen to work alongside chefs at the Houses of Parliament recently.

TWO school cooks swapped their canteens for Westminster and the Senedd last week – as part of a national initiative to celebrate the quality of school meals.

Angela Frederick, from Llangewydd Junior School, was chosen as one of only ten cooks from across Wales and England to spend a day working alongside chefs inside the Houses of Parliament.

The unique opportunity came during National School Meals Week, and Angela was selected in recognition of the outstanding dedication she has shown to her profession over nearly 30 years.

Having started as a relief general kitchen assistant at Cefn Glas Infants in 1987, Angela now runs the kitchen at Llangewydd Primary School, which also provides the meals for the nearby Bryntirion Infants and Trelas Primary School.

Angela said: "Naturally, I was feeling quite nervous to begin

with, but within minutes I was put at ease as the chefs made me so welcome. It was an incredible experience and the day went so quickly! They have nearly a dozen kitchens there, which serve the various restaurants and requirements of the politicians and their guests, and it was fascinating to see how many different types of meals are prepared during just one day."

From prepping vegetables and hors d'oeuvres ahead of an evening banquet, to plating up guinea fowl for an afternoon buffet, Angela was given a variety of tasks during her whirlwind visit.

A similar insight was gained by Sian Dalton, assistant cook at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen who represented Bridgend county borough by cooking for Welsh Assembly Members at the Senedd.

The visit was sponsored by Assembly Member Alun Ffred Jones, to highlight the importance of healthy eating in Welsh schools and make parents more aware of the quality and nutritional values of

education catering today. Peter McGrath, the chair of LACA (the Lead Association for Catering in Education), said: "As an industry we have worked hard to improve standards over many years to give our children a healthier start in life. The quality and nutritional values of school meals has never been better and the skills and ability of our school chefs is at an all-time high."

"We have many issues to tackle with child obesity, and school meals – whilst not being the panacea to all ills – can and do make a significant contribution in helping to reduce the number of children affected."

CounHuw David, BBC's deputy leader, said: "Our dedicated school cooks serve up over 9,000 nutritious meals in primary and secondary schools every day, providing the fuel needed by children to give them the energy to learn and fulfil their potential."

"As well as being healthier than ever, school meals are increasingly adventurous, as pupils' palettes have been extended to include a more varied international cuisine. Cooks have risen to this challenge, and possess culinary skills that are a match for anyone."

"Angela and Sian are both vastly experienced in working in busy kitchens, and it gives us enormous pride that they had the privilege of representing their peers and the county borough as a whole during National School Meals Week."

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The dark arts – crime writers reveal secrets of their trade



From left (seated) are Belinda Bauer, Tim Weaver and Emma Kavanagh with some of their fans.

THE Cowbridge Book Festival's Crime Night has always been a popular event with festival followers and this year was no exception.

The guest authors were Belinda Bauer, Emma Kavanagh and Tim Weaver, who presented the festival audience with a fascinating insight into the world they inhabit as crime writers.

From the moment Sally Perini introduced this highly articulate trio to their receptive audience we knew we

were in for a treat. The discussion was well controlled by award-winning author Belinda Bauer and it soon became obvious that they had already established a great rapport, and that they were well prepared to present an informative and relevant look at the demands made of writers of all genres, not just crime.

While these three completely different authors agreed on many aspects of the writing process, it soon became clear that when it comes to how they approach their research and building characters, they

are quite different. For instance, Emma sets great store by using spreadsheets to create her characters and it would appear that Belinda and Tim spend a great deal of time 'people watching' and listening – local people might like to note they met for coffee, in Costa, before coming to this event!

An appreciative audience, which included

several reading groups, engaged the writers in a lively Q and A session and were rewarded with frank and often humorous answers!

After the discussion, attendees had the opportunity to chat with the authors over a glass of wine while their books were signed. This was the final Cowbridge Book Festival event for 2015

and it proved to be a great way to round off the year.

Details of funds raised throughout the year for the festival's chosen charities, The Noah's Ark Appeal, Children's Hospital of Wales and Bloodwise (Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research), will be announced shortly.

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Care home presented with 'care award'



PICTURED (left to right): Fit M8 instructor Shane, Andrew R T Davies AM and Sean and Tina from Old Rectory Care Home.

OLD Rectory Care Home in Wenvoe was presented with an 'Investors in Care' Award last week by South Wales Central regional AM and Welsh Conservative

Leader, Andrew R T Davies.

The home provides residential care to older people with dementia and mental frailty, and has been recognised for its partnership with Barry Personal Training Company FitM8.

The programme, known as 'CareM8', sees a personal trainer visit the home once a week to hold a session with residents. It ensures that they are able to undertake physical activity despite the mobility issues many of them have.

Mr Davies visited Old Rectory and was shown around by owners Sean and Tina, and also took

part in a fitness session led by personal trainer Shane. He then presented them with their award, which now takes pride of place on the wall.

Congratulating them, the AM said: "I was delighted to present Sean and Tina with their Investors in Care Award. Old Rectory's partnership with FitM8 seems a fantastic initiative for their residents."

"Dementia is an awful illness and it is vital that sufferers get a good standard of care and support. Physical exercise and activity are important and this programme is an excellent idea."

See what's on, and where in your area

Burden or asset?

VALE Older People's Strategy Forum is presenting a 'Big Debate' where a panel will answer the question: 'Are Older People a Burden or an Asset to Today's Society?'

The Big Debate is on November 17 in the Memo Arts Centre, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA, 7pm – 9.30pm.

This is a free event, all welcome. For more information contact John Porter, Vale Older People's Strategy Coordinator, Vale Council on 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorga.gov.uk; website at valeopf.webplus.net

Credit Union advice

ARE you living in the Vale or Cardiff and looking for flexible saving accounts?

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In partnership with Co-op Electrical, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a session with an adviser from Cardiff and Vale Credit Union at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

To book a place, call 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

Amelia Trust Farm Christmas Fair

ON November 21 at Cottrell Park Golf Resort from 11am until 4pm there will be festive fun for all the family, with a variety of stalls, craft activities for children and a choir. Father Christmas will be visiting the fair and children will be able to meet him.

Vale Owls will also attend, as will animals from the nearby wild show, along with craft and gift stalls – do a spot of Christmas shopping!

Home made mince pies, cakes and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

The fair will raise funds to help continue the work of supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. There is no admission charge, but the trust welcomes a donation at the entrance.

Enchanted winter afternoon tea
A FUNDRAISING afternoon tea event for Cancer Research Wales will take place

at Tyler's Cabin, Cottrell Park Golf Resort, St Nicholas, on Saturday, November 28 from 1pm-4pm.

This special event is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends in the festive season. As well as afternoon tea, there will be a harpist, goodie bags, stall exhibitors and raffle prizes.

Tickets are £22.50 each (tables of eight) and are bookable on the Cancer Research Wales website www.cancerresearchwales.co.uk/afternoontea, calling Hannah Beadsworth on 02920 316976 or emailing hannah.beadsworth@wales.nhs.uk.

Toy and train sale

BARRY Leisure Centre in Greenwood Street is hosting the next toy and train sale on Sunday, November 29, between 10.30am and 3pm.

Sister event, the Cardiff toy and train sale, will take place at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our Barry event is proving ever more popular and offers a wonderful range of stallholders trading in the large and well-lit venue which offers large amounts of space for everyone."

Telephone 01643 702757 or 07966 694579, see www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk for further information.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Councillors for Castletand Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 14, in the Drop In Centre, Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10.30am – 12pm. No appointment necessary.

If you need advice but can't attend contact Coun Elmore on 07867 506 116 or email celmore@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Velindre Christmas fayre

VELINDRE Cancer Centre is holding a

Christmas fayre to raise funds, in the Earl Haig Club in Whitchurch village on Sunday, November 22 from 1pm – 3.30pm. Come along and support this worthwhile cause!

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group's next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm – 9pm.

The speaker is to be Dr L George, consultant physician in general medicine, diabetes and endocrinology, and he will be hosting a diabetes question and answer session.

Music In The Vale

THIS annual competition for young singers and instrumentalists will take place at Stanwell School, Penarth this weekend, November 14 – 15 between 9am and 4pm.

Once winners in each class are chosen, judges will give a detailed critique to each competitor, to help with their future development.

The winners and runners-up of this year's competition will perform at a gala concert at All Saints' Church, Penarth on January 24 at 2pm.

For further information visit the website www.musicinthevale.org.uk or call Sue Taylor (Publicity) 01446 781453.

Hospitality and food hygiene course

A brand new hospitality and food hygiene course will be starting on Tuesday, November 17, 1pm-3pm at Palmerston Community Learning centre.

The four week accredited course is free to those eligible and is an ideal course for jobseekers applying for jobs in catering and hospitality roles.

For more information or to book a place call Palmerston Centre on 01446 733762.

Litter pick in park

A LOCAL councillor, the police and Keep Wales Tidy took part in a litter pick at Iolo Park in Barry on Saturday.

They collected sweet wrappers, cans and used fireworks – but overall reported that the park on the Treherne Estate was "in a good condition".

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Local Planning Authority, has determined the following application(s), having taken into account the information contained within the Environmental Impact Assessment accompanying the application(s):

Application No.: 2015/00360/FUL
Location: Wimborne Road, Barry
Proposal: Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

Decision: Approved 4 September, 2015

Documents and details of the decision, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based may be inspected free of charge in the: Planning Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Offices, Barry Docks, Barry. CF63 4RT during normal office hours, or by visiting the on-line planning register on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

Dated: 12 November, 2015

Mrs. V. L. Robinson,
Operational Manager Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry Docks,
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Pontyclun market opens

PONTYCLUN'S weekend country market opened two weeks ago and is the creation of Cerys Pugh from Fabby Dabby Ltd, to help small local businesses get their crafts and names known!

Along with the 20+ stalls containing a variety of unique finds is a tea room and cake shop plus plans to hold craft classes and community events in the future.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 18 November 2015

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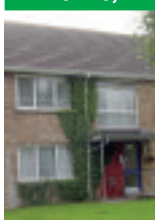
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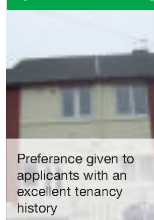
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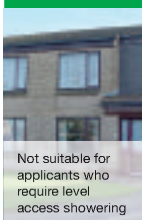
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- NO CHAIN
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- WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACE
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS BATHROOM WITH JACUZZI BATH
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- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN/ LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- EPC = D

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- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
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- DRIVEWAY-ENCLOSED GARDEN
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- EPC = D

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**HARDY CLOSE, BARRY**

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- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
- GARAGE
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- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
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- NO CHAIN
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- UNDERCROFT PARKING
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GOUGH Dr John David

Consultant at the Royal Gwent Hospital Newport

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EVANS Jocelyn Irene

Peacefully on November 4 at Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend, after a short illness, Jocelyn of St Mary Church. Beloved wife of Lyn, dearly loved mother of Alison and Julia, mother-in-law of Mike and Mark and much loved Gramma of Josh and Alex, Ross, Heather and Beth.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, November 17, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Velindre Hospital c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosne, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

NORTON

Linda Ann (née Cooke) (Of Castle-Upon-Alun)

Surrounded by her devoted husband Stewart and beloved family at the Princess of Wales Hospital on Wednesday, 4 November.

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TURNER Mavis

(née Roberts, formerly Preest)

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Funeral Directors

WILLIAMS Ronnie

The family of Ronnie Williams would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral, Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service, all the donations, flowers and The Waterfront Medical Centre for all their care and support. Winnie & family.

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DRAKE

Gwyneth (née Thomas)

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ROSS Mavis Audrey

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She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mavis is resting at The Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry, until her service at their Windsor Road Chapel (opposite Mount Somer Hotel) on Tuesday, November 17 at 11am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Cemetery Approach, Barry.

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On the 9th day of October 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from Dochdwy Road (NGR 316944 172960) to within the children's playground (NGR 316997 172971) to a line running from Dochdwy Road (NGR 316942 172962) to within the children's playground (NGR 316997 172971) as set out in the schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 9th day of October 2015, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 12th day of November 2015 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 The Definitive Map and Statement for the Former County of Glamorgan Relevant Date 14th September 1954 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010 (No.DMO/53/358)

On the 8th day of October 2015 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement as described in the schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

The Order comes into force on the 8th day of October 2015 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or any regulation made thereunder, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from the 12th day of November 2015 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated this 12th day of November 2015

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Applicant: Zahid Rasul and Saima Shaheen Rasul in respect of Eden & Ego, 33 Market Street, Bridgend, CF31 1LL.

The proposed licensable activities are: boxing and wrestling 12:00 hours to 02:00 hours; live music; recorded music; performances of dance; and anything of a similar description – ground floor 12:00 hours to 24:00 hours, first floor 12:00 hours to 04:00 hours; late night refreshment 23:00 hours to 01:00 hours; supply of alcohol, ground floor 11:30 hours to 02:00 hours, first floor 11:30 hours to 04:00 hours; open to the public ground floor 11:30 hours to 02:30 hours first floor 11:30 hours to 04:30 hours – in each case 7 days a week throughout the year with a new year's eve extension in each case.

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Civic Offices
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Bridgend
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licensing@bridgend.gov.uk

Any representations must be made in writing, clearly stating the grounds upon which the representation is made, relevant to the licensing objectives, to the above by 30th November 2015. Representations should be sent to the Bridgend County Borough Council, Licensing Division at the address above.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine of £5000 on summary of conviction.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Peter Dennis trading as P.D. Travel of Rosemont Pyle Road, Pyle CF33 6HS is applying for a change in an existing licence as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:
I Chloe Francis do hereby give notice that I have applied to the Licensing Authority at Vale of Glamorgan Council for the grant of our Premises Licence/Club Registration Certificate at Ty Maen Farm Buildings, Cymro Road, Eweny CF32 0QP and known as Cobbles Kitchen & Deli. The application is to provide regulated entertainment including playing of recorded and live music and the supply of alcohol. From Mon-Thurs 0900-20:00, Fri 0900-2100 and Saturday from 0900-2300. Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Team, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below). Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. Signed Chloe Francis Dated 1st November 2015

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THE WELSH HORSE RACING SCENE 30 YEARS AGO

THE GEM's BRIAN LEE, who is celebrating 50 years of reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene, looks back to 1985 and some of the racing stories he brought to his readers:

One trainer who was in the news for all the wrong reasons was Cowbridge trainer John Thomas, who was fined £500 by the Jockey Club after being found guilty under Rule 151 – concerning schooling in public – and was quite philosophical about the Jockey Club Disciplinary Committee's decision.

'He told me: "I understand the decision went against us very narrowly, but we were given a fair trial and I have no complaints."

'Thomas's jockey, Anthony Griffiths, was suspended for 14 days. The inquiry was into the improvement in form shown by *Mandown Lad* when winning at Newton Abbot last August. Thomas pointed out that although the horse finished a well beaten fifth on its previous run, several of those that finished behind *Mandown Lad* have since run well so the form has worked out.'

Under the heading 'Welsh Successes', I wrote: 'When the National Hunt season proper gets under way next month Wales will be represented by no fewer than 10 licensed trainers and some 36 permit holders. This is not counting Welsh trainers like Epsom-based John Jenkins and Lambourn's Fulke Walwyn, who both figured in the leading top 10 trainers' list last season.'

'Over the past five years, the leading Welsh-based trainer has been Chepstow's Milton Bradley, who has saddled 56 winners; Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell has turned out 22 winners, while Cowbridge's Bryn Palling has had 25.

'Another who has his share of winners is Pontypridd's Derek Haydn Jones, whose total for the past five seasons is 17. It would be unfair to compare this total with the 76 wins that John Jenkins had last season or, for that matter, Fulke Walwyn's 33 winners, as both these trainers have dozens of horses in their charge.

'Of the permitholders sprouting out all over the

place in Wales, Abergavenny's Reg Brown has been turning out winners for years and one worth watching out for is Grenville Richards, a successful trainer of point-to-pointers. Brecon's Gordon Price and Magor's George Williams are just two others who know what it takes to train a winner.

'Of the aforementioned trainers, Dai Burchell, Milton Bradley and John Jenkins are still saddling winners.'

One rider who had his first success that year was Dai Burchell's son and under the heading 'David's Success' I revealed: 'David John Burchell, the 17-year-old son of Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell, landed his first winner on Saturday when scoring an easy 10 lengths win on *Promindante* in the Autumn Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap Hurdle at Stratford. David, who has been riding for only 12 months, said: "My father told me to go out and enjoy myself, and all I had to do was to steer my mount around the course."

David's father was also in the news and in 'Burchell Is To Stay At Home' I wrote: 'Ebbw Vale trainer Dai Burchell who had planned to move to a purpose-built new yard in Stoke this month, will not be making the move after all.'

'The 48-year-old ex-steelworker, who made a reputation for himself by winning over the jumps with cast-off flat horses, has decided to stay in Wales at the request of his present owners and has been looking for a yard closer to home. Burchell, who set up as a trainer with the voluntary redundancy money he received a couple of years ago after spending 25 years at Ebbw Vale's steelworks, has a big following in south Wales.'

'He has been tagged 'Bookie Basher' after landing several long-priced betting coups. His decision to remain in Wales will be welcomed not only by his owners, but also by his followers who back his horses when and wherever they run.'

When the Tote Board put the minimum bet one could wager up I saw red and wrote: 'Board Are Wrong On Minimum Bet - At Wincanton Races recently, I overheard a couple of old age pensioners bemoaning the fact that the Tote Board had increased



Cowbridge trainer John Thomas with Grand National runner-up Churchtown Boy.

the minimum bet allowed from a £1 to £2. To my mind, this is not the way to attract new racegoers to a sport already concerned with dwindling attendance figures.

'Not everyone who enjoys a day at the races can afford to bet £2 a race – especially old age pensioners or those on low earnings. There are still those who go racing with the aim of seeing good horses and jockeys in action. A £1 bet on their fancy all adds to the fun. But ask them to fork out £2 a race and they just might prefer to stay at home and back their fancy in the betting shop.'

'Then, in the comfort of their own home, they can watch their horses run on television. The Tote's answer to all this is that the last major increase on pool bets was the change in the unit stake from 30p to 50p in 1975. But they say that with inflation of over 200 per cent in the last 10 years, the 50p of 1975 is today worth only 16.5p in real terms.'

'That may be so, but there are still quite a few bookies in Tattersalls, let alone the Silver Ring at most racecourses I have been to, who will take a £1 bet.' How times change!

My report on the Welsh Grand National, under the heading 'Run And Skip Is An Easy Winner' read: 'Run And Skip made every yard of the running to win the Coral Welsh National over three miles, six furlongs on Saturday. Trained by John Spearing and confidently ridden by Peter Scudamore, *Run And Skip*, a seven-year-old bay gelding by *Deep Run*, finished six lengths ahead of the 100-1 outsider *Golden Ty* with *Kumbi* a further two lengths away third.'

'Peter Scudamore, whose father Michael won the Aintree Grand National in 1959 on *Oxo*, was originally down to ride Jenny Pitman's *Smith's Man*, who pulled up entering the straight. Luckily, he changed his mind and teamed up with the winner instead.'

'It was the biggest success yet for Alcester-based John Spearing who told me in the winners' enclosure

after the race that the horse had improved a great deal at home during the past week or so. He said he was confident four fences out that the horse would not be caught.

'A modest and quietly spoken man, Spearing said that *Run And Skip* would now be aimed at the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham next March, a race in which he finished third last season.'

The only hard luck story of the race belonged to Jonjo O'Neill, who had a crashing fall from *Broadheath* who appeared to be going well when falling five fences out.'

These days, Bryan Smart is a well-known trainer on the Flat, but back then I had this to say about him:

'Former National Hunt jockey Bryan Smart, who moved to Wales four years ago when his wife Deborah started up a livery yard at Llanwrda, is returning home to Lambourn this weekend. Smart, who plans to go public next year, told me: "We enjoyed our stay in Wales but we were too far away from the racecourses."

Many hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale will remember Barry's Ted Williams and under the heading 'Crosstown Retired' I had this to say: 'Popular Welsh point-to-pointer *Crosstown* has run his last race.'

'A winner of 12 point-to-points and a hunter chase for his owner-trainer, Barry farmer Ted Williams, he will be fondly remembered by Tim Rooney, who chalked up his 100th win on him at the Pentrych Hunt Steeplechases last season. Mr Williams bred *Crosstown* 15 years ago from a mare called *Channel View* which he had paid just 50 guineas for at the Newmarket sales. Mr Williams overcame difficulties to get *Crosstown* on the racecourse and in 1981 he was rewarded when *Crosstown* won five races in a row, including a victory over Grand National runner *Sandwylan* in Devon.'

You can e-mail your favourite racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920 736438.

UNDER-6S GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH
THE under-6s mini football run by the Vale of Glamorgan on a Sunday morning has seen its numbers double within only a few weeks.

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Book tells the story of Welsh Grand National

READERS of GEM columnist Brian Lee may be interested to learn that an updated version of his book on the history of the Welsh Grand National, which was first published in 2002, is now available.

It is called *The Welsh Grand National from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice* and is published by The History Press at £14.99.

The Welsh Grand National was first held at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse in 1895 when it was won by Tom Cannon's *Deerstalker*, ridden by former Flat race jockey George Mawson.

Two Aintree Grand National winners, *Father O'Flynn* (1892) and *Cloister* (1893) faced the starter for the 1896 race and some 40,000 racegoers saw the legendary *Cloister* win in a common canter.

Cloister was ridden by Welshman Gwyn Saunders Davies, who once won six races in 13 days on *Fairy Queen* which must surely be a record of sorts.

David Thomas, an amateur rider from Pyle near Bridgend, riding the mare *Miss Balcadden* won the 1926 renewal but when *Miss Balcadden* won the race again in 1928, George Bowden, the son of John Bowden of Rectory Farm, Merthyr Dyfan, Barry, was in the saddle.

The late Mrs Posy Lewis of Llantwit Major, the first woman to be granted a licence to train under

National Hunt rules, recalling Bowden told the author: "George was a handsome and likeable fellow and he rode winners for my father, Ralph Morel, and later myself."

The late point-to-point official Jack Thomas from St Athan recalled: "I knew George well. We schooled horses together in our younger days and I remember him riding a filly in the Derby, which is a rare thing indeed. It was called *Stampede* and was owned by a Dr Sixsmith of Cowbridge and he used to ride the filly on his rounds. Anyway, it trailed in last."

Evan Williams, whose father Fred hailed from Cowbridge and who was the starter at Ely Racecourse, could only finish third on the legendary *Golden Miller* in 1936 when the race was won by *Sorley Boy*.

No story of Ely Racecourse or the Welsh Grand National could be complete without reference to the Morel family. Their black, red and white racing colours, taken from the family shipping line, were immensely popular with racegoers and in 1939 it looked as though their *Waving Star* would record a popular local victory as she went half-a-dozen or so lengths clear after jumping the last.

But Jack Fawcous somehow conjured up a late run on *Lacatoi* to get up in the last few yards, to win by the shortest of short heads.

Lacatoi, who had also won the race in 1935 and 1937, remains to this day the only horse to have

won the race three times.

No longer would racing take place at Ely Racecourse, which closed its gates in 1939 but Posy Lewis would have her day some years later when Wales' most prestigious horse race moved to Chepstow Racecourse.

The book is well illustrated throughout and former National Hunt champion jockey Peter Scudamore MBE, in his foreword, wrote: "The book is an engrossing study that not only documents the history of the great race, but also charts the development of National Hunt racing. The various former venues of the race, Cardiff and Newport, are beautifully described in the book," and goes on to say: "The book not only recalls the legendary trainers and jockeys that have won the race, but also the lesser known without whom National Hunt racing would not exist."

The author said: "As a young man in the 1950s, I worked at the defunct Ely Racecourse as an assistant to the groundsman marking out football and rugby pitches and the only reminder then that it had once been a racecourse was an old grandstand which was demolished in 1961."

"Little did I think then that one day I would write about the legendary horses and riders that had graced the Ely and Chepstow turf, and it has been a privilege to record their fine achievements for all time."

Contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

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Barrivale Bridge Club news

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Ann and Sean Macdougall won on handicap. The winners of the Barrivale Ladies' Pairs for 2015 are Diana Kendrick and Lyn Matthews.

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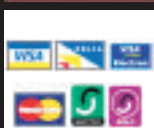
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Wales RL are the European Champions after emphatic win!

WALES won the Rugby League European Championship for the first time in five years after convincingly beating Ireland 30-4 in Bray on Saturday evening.

Only needing a win or draw to take the title for the seventh time, drawing level with France in title wins, Wales were given a good game by the Irish and took their chances to virtually wrap the game up before the break.

It was a fitting end to an exciting 80th anniversary European Championship tournament that had seen the closest competition since the new four-team structure was first introduced in 2010.

There were early chances at both ends. Some good Irish defence kept Wales out after they won a penalty on the halfway line.

Ireland lost a chance to score soon after that as a hopeful kick bounced over the dead ball line.

Courtney Davies kicked well for the first penalty and did even better second time around, reaching the 10 metre line.

Wales won a scrum after that set enabling Dalton Grant to keep up his scoring record by grounding in the corner. Davies converted.

Ireland pressed for a levelling score and Liam Finn's cheeky chip almost fooled the Welsh defence but it was cleared up at the second attempt.

After Wales fumbled in the next set, Ireland Elliot Cosgrove was stopped in his tracks on the fifth tackle.

Then Wales got a second try out of nothing after Casey Dunne dropped a high bomb and Lewis Reece was quickest to react, running in for Wales' second try. Davies converted.

Ireland bombed an almost certain try after a ball was dropped from a grubber kick and Wales made them pay.

From a penalty, Steve Parry dived over from dummy half on 33 minutes for one of his trademark tries. Davies goaled again to make it 18-0.

Five minutes after that, Rhodri Lloyd took advantage of a loose ball to run over in the corner for Wales' fourth try on 38 minutes. Davies' kick was short but Wales were still 22-0 up at the break.

Some good defence prevented Dalton Grant getting Wales' fifth 10 minutes after the break but Wales continued to take advantage of sloppy Irish defensive errors.

After winning a scrum from a dropped ball, Elliot Kear, on a repeat set after that, forced his way over with Davies converting before adding a penalty to make the score 30-0.

Wales were denied their first shut out in 23 years last Friday when France scored with seven minutes to go. This time, it got to 72 minutes, when following two successive penalties, Callum Mulken scored in the corner. Finn sliced his kick wide.

It was, however, only consolation for Ireland as Wales finished 30-4 winners and deserved European champions for 2015.

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Farmers take a trip to Monmouth

MONMOUTH Golf Club, established in 1896 and set on high ground to the east of the town, proved a welcoming venue for the first ever visit of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society when they met there last Thursday for their monthly meeting kindly sponsored by NFU Mutual Insurance agents Kelly, Harris & Conlon.

In addition to the individual prizes to be won there was the added attraction of competing in a team competition where the best two scores counted on the first six holes, three scores counted on the next six holes and all four scores counted on the closing six holes.

In the individual competition and despite the damp conditions and undulations of this demanding course, a very respectable 33 stableford points scored by retired veterinary surgeon Mike King was good enough to collect first prize and the NFU Trophy.

Runner-up with 32 points, including 17 on

the back nine, was Julian Golunski followed by Martyn Edwards also with 32 points, but just 14 on the back nine.

A very relieved Jim Hayes who completed the round without any sign of the dreaded shanks, finished fourth with 31 points.

In the visitors' section Cottrell Park member John Brazier finished in first place with 31 points followed by Penlyne fitness fanatic Ian Taylor who scored 27 points.

Andrew Thomas also with 27 points finished in third place.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Gwyn Thomas, Mark Rees (2), Julian Golunski and Rob Price, whose tee shot to the difficult 164 yard 16th hole known as 'Devils Bunker' came to rest just a few feet from the hole.

David Williams was in buoyant mood having recently celebrated the birth of his first grandchild to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize and Mike King completed a perfect day by collecting the Premier

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Winners with society captain Brian Jones and sponsor Julian Kelly.

guessing 43 balls would remain in this neighbouring county.

This raised £76 towards the fundraising effort of Julian Kelly, who next year is hoping to compete in the Victory over Cancer Bike Ride for Velindre Hospital.

RESULTS OF THE NFU TEAM COMPETITION:

Winning team with 105 points - Gwyn Thomas, Godfrey Lewis, Julian Golunski and Gareth Perkins; runners-up with 101 points were Dai John, Rob Price, Jim Hayes and Martyn Edwards.

In third place with 97 points were Julian Kelly, Mike King, Mark Rees and Glyn Watts-Jones.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 26 at Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club sponsored by Herbert Thomas & Co Ltd of Cowbridge. T.McC

Paul's joy after Warwick winner

BRIDGEND trainer Paul Morgan landed the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Warwick last Wednesday with his six-year-old bay gelding Conas Taoi.

A winner of an Irish point-to-point last March, Conas Taoi, ridden by Conor Shoemark, won by five lengths from Pure Poteen and was returned the 100-30 favourite.

Over at Chepstow, Llancarfan's Evan Williams saddled yet another winner when his five-year-old The Gipper, partnered by Adam Wedge, took the National Hunt Maiden Hurdle race by two-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Alibi De Sivola.

There were 13 starters and The Gipper was a

well fancied 3-1 shot. **QUICK REPEAT WIN FOR PAUL** Just four days after winning at Warwick, Conas Taoi landed the Arup Handicap Chase at rainsoaked Ffos Las on Sunday.

Always prominent throughout the three miles of the race, Conas Taoi led four fences from the finish and was eased in the closing stages to win by four lengths from As De Fer.

Conas Taoi, who was the 13-8 favourite, was ridden by 3lb claiming jockey Conor Shoemark, who was also in the saddle when Conas Taoi won at Warwick.

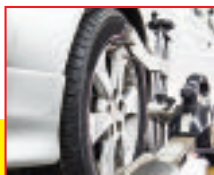
Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen riding Rebecca Curtis's Globalisation took the Novices' Handicap Chase.

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Wales' loss could be New Zealand's gain

NEWs that Warren Gatland will be stepping down as the Wales head coach in 2019 and returning home to coach in New Zealand, was perhaps less of a surprise than the timing of the announcement – a full four years before the next Rugby World Cup in Japan.

"I have been away long enough. I am here until 2019... and then the plan is definitely to go home... I am 52, so hopefully I have quite a few years left coaching," he said.

While the pull of home is understandable, after seven years away from home and family (hiraeth is something every Welsh exile can relate to), one wonders if the decision was made easier by the regime changes at the WRU and the departure last week of group chief executive Roger Lewis, with whom he had forged a successful working relationship.

In a nudge to prospective suitors, who will surely not be slow in coming forward in the land of the long white cloud, the highly-respected former All Black, who has won two Six Nations Grand Slams with Wales since taking over in 2008, and has also led a successful British & Irish Lions tour to Australia, added teasingly that if he wasn't involved in Super Rugby or provincial rugby – "I may have to go to the beach for six or 12 months, put my feet up, and take a break!"

Somehow, it doesn't seem likely that he will be allowed to cool his heels for long and the proud Kiwi could well get a call from the All Blacks should their World Cup-winning coach Steve Hansen decide to step down, just as Graham Henry did after winning the crown in 2011.

Gatland will have the perfect chance to stake an early claim when he takes Wales on a three-test tour to his homeland in the summer.

Remarkably, he could create something of a record by becoming the third former head coach of Wales (after Henry and Hansen) to go on to coach the illustrious All Blacks. Should that happen, no-one will begrudge it, for Welsh rugby already owes him (and Lewis) a huge debt of gratitude.

DON JOHN

Cowbridge First XV are just pipped at the post

AT 10am on Saturday it was doubtful that any play would be possible on the Athletic Field, but after much head scratching, the two wise men inspecting the pitch decided the game against Canton RFC should go ahead.

By the time Canton kicked off the pitch had improved markedly but was still very wet underfoot, and Cowbridge started brightly with an early penalty by full back Ben Wright.

However it was clear from the start that Canton, with a powerful pack, would keep the ball up front and after a couple of missed penalties, they benefited from a free kick in the 22 to drive over for a converted try.

With the Cowbridge pack under the cosh in the scrum Canton increased their lead with a penalty. In response, a good forward drive led to a second penalty for Wright.

It was clear that, despite the conditions, Cowbridge were going to have to move the ball away from the Canton pack. On the half hour, a great Cowbridge attack involving the impressive Emyr Stone, Ben Wright, Aaron Glasser and lively scrum half Richie Howson broke down with the

line in sight.

With the referee freely awarding penalties it was Cowbridge who were rewarded with a timely score just before half-time as Wright slotted over his third penalty to make it Cowbridge 9, Canton 10.

Cowbridge started the second half as they did the first with a fourth Wright penalty from 40 metres. Then, with both sides temporarily down to 14 men, Canton kicked a penalty to touch and drove over from the lineout to retake the lead.

Despite continued pressure on the Cowbridge scrum, No 8 Emyr Stone was having an absolute sterner at the back, constantly picking up from the retreating scrum and making hard yards each time, denying Canton a chance of a turnover.

Following another break upfield led by outside half Alex Guard, Canton received their second yellow card and Wright scored his fifth penalty to draw level.

With just 10 minutes to go Canton were awarded a penalty and again a kick to touch resulted in a drive over the line for a converted try that at best seemed inconclusive.

Cowbridge were now beginning to pressurise the Canton pack with the team having to go on all out attack and a clever kick by Guard resulted in a Cowbridge

lineout in the Canton 22.

A quick throw in saw the ball spun out to Guard who put a smart kick behind the defence for Ben Wright to sprint onto the ball, showing great composure to collect and dive over in the corner.

The conversion was just wide but from the kick off, Cowbridge stormed upfield, but the game finished with the inevitable penalty as a relieved Canton kicked to touch, the final score Cowbridge 20, Canton 22.

So, disappointing in the end but the boys battled hard throughout for the bonus point in conditions that suited the powerful Canton pack. Cowbridge can be pleased that the result was in doubt to the bitter end and never gave up.

This Saturday, the boys travel to Penyrgraig with Llandrindod Wells at home on November 21, St Albans at home on November 28 and Taffs Well away on December 5.

The youth BA are at home against Pontypridd this Saturday, with the BF team away at Llantwit Major.

Finally, thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the firework display a success last Thursday and thanks to all who turned up to support the display in such poor weather conditions.

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BOWLERS TAKE A TRIP ABROAD!

ON a murky, very early morning last month, 16 keen bowlers from Cowbridge Bowls Club set off for Cardiff Airport.

Although dark and cold our spirits were high in anticipation of what was to come. After a delay for a French air traffic strike, we left for Portugal.

As we arrived the sun shone brightly and was welcoming and warm as the party arrived at their hotel in Quarteira.

Eight couples - Guy and Janet Morton, Norman and Shirley Wilkinson, Clive and Dorothy Pritchard, Rob and Jan Lewis, Colin and Lynda Wilson, Alan and Lin Wallace, Gerry and Diane Lloyd and Ron and Elaine Dobie, relaxed before the first of their bowls matches.

Our first match was at Tavira Bowls Club where we arrived in glorious sunshine, with a beautiful grass green in Joe Scott's front garden.

We lost 48-80 shots but our captain for the day, Norman, was not downhearted. The best rink was skip Alan Wallace with Dorothy,

Gerry and Elaine.

The next day was a totally different story as the heavens opened for our visit to Vilamoura Bowls Club - much like the weather we are used to!

Our opposition was made up of local and visiting UK players. Diane Lloyd was our captain for the day and was anticipating a win, only to be disappointed by our overall score of 31-89.

Our excuse was the welcome glass of champagne on our arrival and the inclusion of two Portuguese internationals.

We had a free day for sightseeing before captain for the day, Lynda Wilson, took us to Pedras Bowls Club, and this was to be the best green of the tour, much more to our liking, and the result was much better.

The winning rink was Norman Wilkinson, Jan, Guy and Dorothy, 17-10. We enjoyed the club's hospitality before the hour trip back to the hotel.

Our last game, with Clive Pritchard as captain, was at Valverde, a lovely green again on a sunny day.



ABOVE: The team line up.

The winning rink was Norman, Janet, Jan and Colin, 21-15. There was wonderful hospitality again with a tasty homemade meal, after what was the closest result of the tour.

Ron Dobie did comment that he would have won overall had the matches finished after the two trial ends, but our deserved winner of the prize for tour 'star' was Jan Lewis. Well done Jan, who only dropped two shots in her four games.

The last evening was a celebratory dinner hosted by Bowling Abroad at a local Portuguese restaurant which rounded off our trip nicely.

Sixteen happy bowlers arrived back at Cardiff Airport, having enjoyed a thoroughly worthwhile tour.



"Cheers to bowls!"

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